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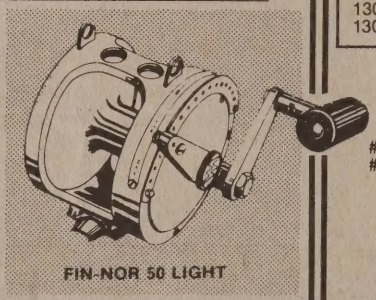

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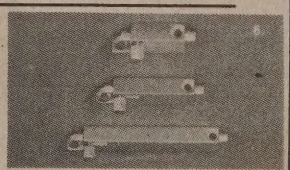

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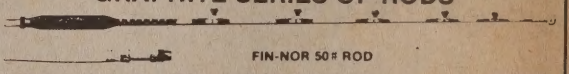

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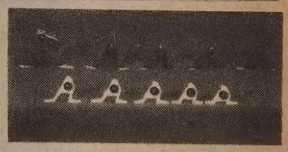

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Surfmen can expect to tangle with big blues through the remainder of the month. John Fritz has some thoughts on the season finale, beginning on page 22. Also, there is still time to catch the final Surf Fishing Workshop of the season. For more details, see page 43. Cover photo by Tim Coleman.


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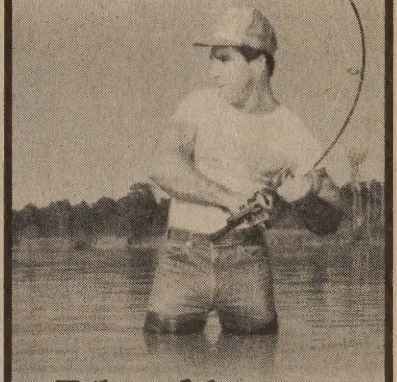

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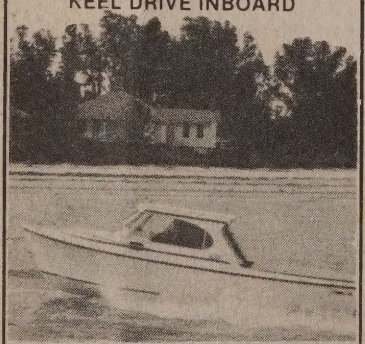

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The folks at All Tackle Distributors in Deer Park are saddened to have to pass on the news that Bill (Red) Sinram, a loyal employee for the past 14 years, has just passed away, after a three-year struggle with cancer. Bill was described by Harry and Matty as a dear friend, great guy and avid fisherman. He'd been a pro baseball player in younger days, having played on several major league teams. He was 64 years of age.

### MATT DE ANGELIS RETIRES AS PRESIDENT OF ALL TACKLE

Matt De Angelis, founder, senior partner and president of All Tackle Distributors, has sold his shares of the company to Gloria Fuld, wife of junior partner, Harry Fuld. Matt wishes to sincerely thank all those parties whom he has come in contact with in the fishing tackle business. He is now seriously devoted to embarking on the career of semi-retirement.

### NEW YORK TO RECEIVE FEDERAL FISH AND WILDLIFE FUNDS

The State of New York will receive over $4.6 million in federal funds next year to support local fish and wildlife management, research and land acquisition programs, First District Congressman William Carney has announced.

The funding will be drawn from a $167 million allotment approved by Congress and released through the United States Fish and Wildlife Service. The money is raised through excise taxes on sporting equipment bought by hunters and fishermen.

New York will receive $1,942,788 in sport fishing assistance; $2,745,459 for wildlife protection and hunter education efforts. This year's national sport fishing account includes an additional $65 million which became available when Congress voted last year to both extend the excise tax to include some types of previously untaxed fishing equipment, and added a share of marine fuel taxes.

Earlier this year Congressman Carney co-sponsored an effort in the House which overturned an Administration plan to withhold some of the sport fishing funds in the 1986 federal budget.

"In a time of very real budgetary concerns, these federal efforts succeed without placing a strain on the taxpayer," Congressman Carney said. "Sportsmen pay these taxes, and sportsmen reap the benefits of programs they support. I wish every federal program was as successful as this."

Since its inception in 1953, the fisheries program has provided more than $580 million to the states. Each state's share is based on the number of fishing license holders, plus it land and water areas. The allocation of the wildlife funds is also determined by a state's land area and number of licensed hunters, with $1.6 billion released nationwide since 1939.

### SOUTH SHORE FISHING ASSOC. HAS SOME OPENINGS

The South Shore Fishing Association has some open memberships available to qualified fishermen. If you are interested, please contact Frank Pristera at 249-8080 or stop in at the Edelman's Booth at the New York Boat Show January 9th to 19th. The S.S.F.A. wishes to thank its members for a fine fishing season. Thanks to Aquamagic, Crossbones, Cookie Monster, Bali, My Diane, Rum & Coke, Joymaster Madness, Reel Affair, Sno-Bar, Sinker Bouncer and Tuffy. Meetings are held the first and third Wednesdays of the month a at the Bay Village Inn, Amityville, New York.

### LONG ISLAND HOSTS MARINE FISHERIES COMMISSION CONFERENCE

Long Island was host to the annual meeting of the Atlantic States Marine Fisheries Commission recently. The Commission, comprised of the 13 states bordering the Atlantic from Maine to Florida, discusses state and federal legislation having an effect on both commercial and recreational fisheries in the Atlantic.

Assemblyman I. William Bianchi, Jr. (D-Bellport) is the Assembly Subcommittee Chairman of the Marine Resources Committee and represents the Assembly on matters affecting recreational and commercial fishing.

The recent meeting on Long Island was held at the Southampton Inn in Southampton and was the 44th annual meeting held by the Atlantic States to coordinate legislation and state action on marine resources. Shown at the meeting are (L-R): Assemblyman Bianchi; Southampton Supervisor Martin Lang; Elton Gissendanner, Executive Director, Dept. of Natural Resources, State of Florida; State Senator Owen Johnson, Chairman, Senate Subcommittee on Long Island's Marine District; and U.S.

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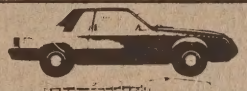

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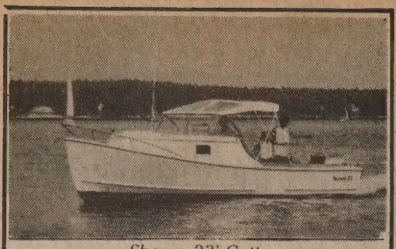
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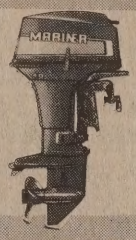

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### FRED GOLOFARO ELECTED TO COOPERATIVE EXTENSION BOARD OF DIRECTORS

At the Annual Meeting of the Cooperative Extension Association of Suffolk County, held October 26th at the Polish Hall in Riverhead, Fred Golofaro, Editor of The Fisherman, was elected to the Board of Directors of Cooperative Extension. The Board oversees all the educational programs conducted by Cooperative Extension, which include the Agricultural Program, the 4-H Program, the Home Economics Program, and the Suffolk County Farm in Yaphank.

In recent years, Cooperative Extension has incorporated sport fishing into its natural resources 4-H youth program, and seafood nutrition to its Home Economics nutrition program. Fred Golofaro's vast experience in sport fishing and his support of the 4-H Sport Fishing Camp, will enable Fred to help guide Cooperative Extension's educational efforts.

### FREEPORT BLUEFISH INVITATIONAL CHARITY TOURNEY A SUCCESS

The Atlantis Anglers, Freeport Tuna Club and Hudson Anglers ran their First Freeport Bluefish Invitational Charity Tournament on Saturday, Oct. 26th instead of Oct. 19th as planned. Weigh-in proceedings were conducted at the Guy Lombardo Marina in Freeport. The Weigh-in Masters were Ralph Horowitz, Fishing Committee Chairman of the Atlantis Anglers and Ronnie Bauer, of Hudson Pt. Fishing Station and the Hudson Anglers. All of the bluefish caught in the tournament which amounted to two gross tons, boated by 80 fishermen on 20 craft, were filleted and donated to the Nassau County Food Bank, Div. of Services to the Aged. Prior arrangements had been made with the food bank to pick up the catch at the conclusion of the weigh-in. The carcasses were returned to the surrounding waterways and dumped.

The tournament overall was a huge success. Each club weighed in their three heaviest fish. The Atlantis Anglers came in first followed by the Freeport Tuna Club. The Hudson Anglers placed third. All three clubs were in close contention. No club dominated the event. The standings were as follows:

First—Atlantis Anglers, 52 lbs. 9 oz., 2nd—Freeport Tuna, 51 lbs. 13 oz., and 3rd—Hudson Anglers, 49 lbs. 2 oz.

Ronnie Bauer provided food and drink for the participants after the weigh-in, garbage bags with which to dispose of the refuse and a hose to wash down the dock. Prizes purchased with money chipped in by all three clubs were distributed to the more successful anglers. There is every chance that this tournament will be run again next year, possibly with a sponsor.

### MARINELAND GROWS AGAIN

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### THANKS FOR BEACH CLEANUP

As courtesy patrol director for L.I.B.B.A., I would like to thank all of those who participated in the beach cleanup at Gilgo. If it weren't for these people, the state would not have opened the beach. Although it is late in the year, it is still another beach opened. As you know, keeping the beaches open is what all the Long Island clubs fight for. Thanks again to all. **Bob Lucchesi.**

P.S.—We wish to apologize to anyone whose name we may have accidentally overlooked. Also a special thanks to George Swanson for the use of his motor home and to L.I.B.B.A. for the use of their trailer.

Jerry Bernard, Bob Buss, Marge Buss, John Fritz, Max Hansen, Ken Kassan, Walter Joseph, Eddie Lucchesi, Pat McKenna, Bill Miller, Tom Palam, Sal Pantaleone, Steve Petri, Sr., Pete Ripi, Denny Rogers, John Schiano, George Swanson and Willy Young.

### 4-H AGENTS FISHING TRIP

One hundred and ten 4-H agents and Cornell University 4-H staff members from all parts of New York State attended the 1985 New York State Association of Cooperative Extension 4-H Agents Conference, October 16-18, 1985 at the Southampton Inn. For many upstate 4-H agents, this was their first visit to Long Island. One highlight of the conference was a surf fishing trip to Cooper's Beach in Southampton. Using tackle borrowed from the 4-H sport fishing camp, 30 agents hit the beach. Within minutes they started getting bluefish in the 3 to 4 lb. range. After an hour and a half of fishing, some two dozen fish were landed. The chef at the Southampton Inn filleted the fish and packed them on ice for the trip home.

Many of the upstate agents left Long Island with a new interest in sport fishing. The trip, arranged by Suffolk County 4-H Agent Bob Kent, was used to help encourage upstate agents to start youth sport fishing programs similar to these happening on Long Island.

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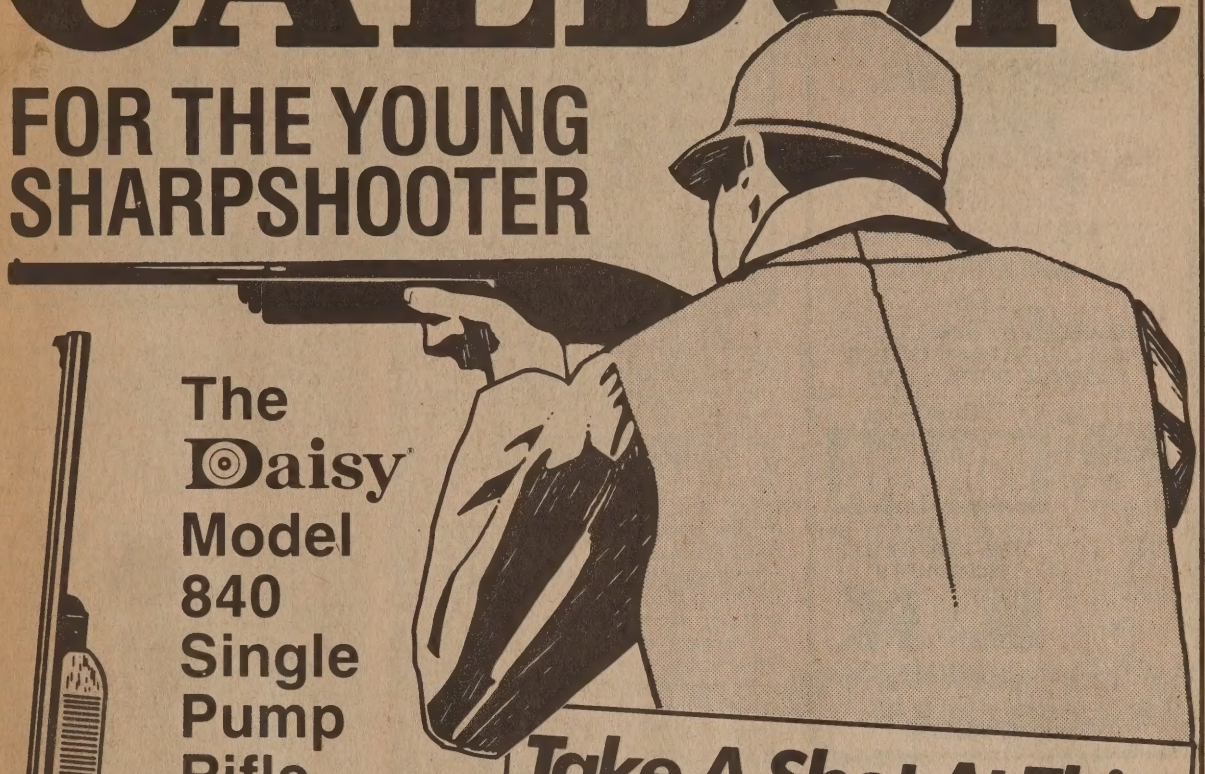

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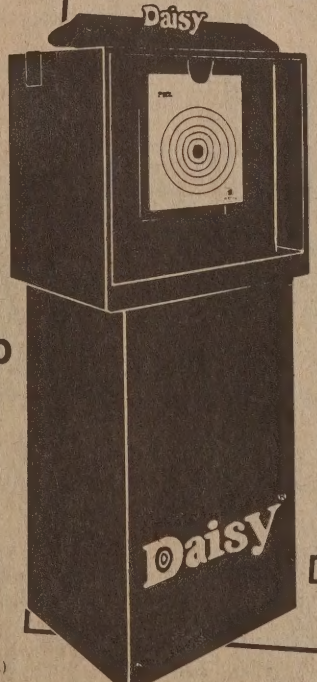


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# HAMBURGER'S COOLER RACK

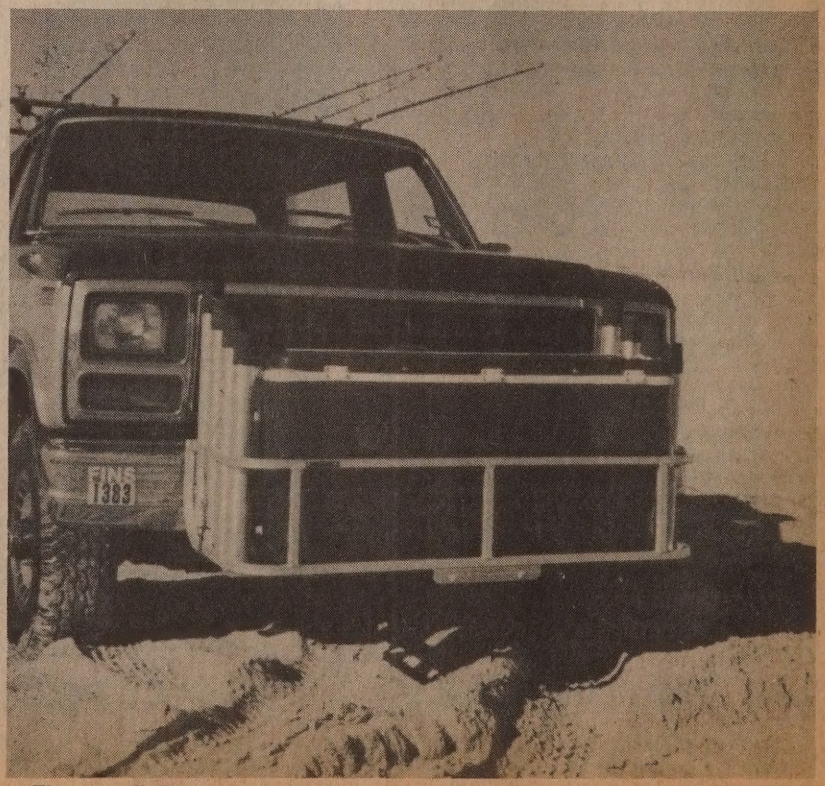
*by Fred Golofaro*

If you have ever suffered the indignity of having a teen size blue splatter the interior of your new, sweet-smelling "buggy" with a sticky mixture of sand, slime, scales and blood, then you can fully begin to appreciate the value of having a cooler (fish box) up front. And, while keeping the inside of your beach buggy clean might be a consideration for some, there are numerous other conveniences afforded the mobile surfman who opts for an exterior mounted cooler.

The most obvious advantage is the extra space created by not having to store a cumbersome cooler in the back of your vehicle. Since most surf fishermen opt for the large Igloo (151 quart capacity), or the 86 quart size at the very least, we are talking about saving a considerable amount of space. Aside from extra storage space for tackle and other miscellaneous equipment, the added room is most appreciated after working late night tides. When your weary body begs for a prone position after a long night's effort, it's awfully nice to be able to climb into the back for some sack time.

While some surfmen actually do use some of their cooler space for food and beverage, many more find it an ideal place to store dripping wet waders, foul weather tops and surf bags. Letting a mixture of sand and saltwater accumulate inside your buggy can only lead to misery somewhere down the road. A makeshift floorboard in the form of a length of plywood does a nice job of separating the fish at the bottom of the cooler from your equipment.

Though many buggy-equipped surf



**These well-designed racks make a handsome as well as practical addition to any beach buggy.**

casters were well tuned to the advantages of an exterior mounted cooler, locating a rack was a difficult task at best. With virtually no one manufacturing them on a regular basis, most of the racks on the beach were home grown products. For those lucky enough to have a friend with welding skills and access to the right materials, the job was made much simpler. The end results of these garage born efforts ranged from impressive to pretty damn ugly! In many cases, they served their purpose, while other creations just never made it.

Now, at long last, there is an outfit manufacturing a top quality rack that, with an optional bolt-on installation kit, will fit virtually any beach vehicle. Hamburger's, a New Jersey based manufacturer, has already left their mark on beaches from Cape Cod to Cape Hatteras and particularly on Long Island's beaches where the number of buggies equipped with Hamburger racks seems to grow almost daily.

There is no confusing these racks with home grown products. Manufactured of heavy gauge aluminum square tubing, they are both neat looking and sturdy. Their light weight enables even the lady of the house to remove the rack for more domestic chores. One bolt, on each side of the slide-in mount, and the rack is free. In addition, the racks come equipped with two inch O.D. aluminum rod holders. Model number 86 contains 6 tubes, while model number 151 has 8 rod holders mounted to the rack's frame.

I spent over a year tracing down ghost numbers passed on to me by well intention beach rats in my quest for a rack. I finally relented and opted for Hamburger's rack. I must admit, my initial reluctance was caused by the price tag. The 151 quart model carries a tag of $199. I also opted for the bolt-on mounting kit which set me back another eighty dollars. You can buy a lot of plugs for that money! Once I received the rack, though, I knew I had made the right decision. They really are a work of art and mounting it was a piece of cake. Also, in these days of high priced beach buggies (anywhere from ten and twenty thousand dollars) a few hundred dollars seems like a small price to pay for a rack that so nicely compliments your pride and joy. When it comes to surf equipment, it just might be the best investment I've ever made.

I should add, too, that while Hamburger's will ship "anywhere," be prepared to pay a freight bill that in my case came to over forty dollars. If there is a way for you to arrange pick-up, I'd suggest it as an option. Either way, it's money well spent in my book.

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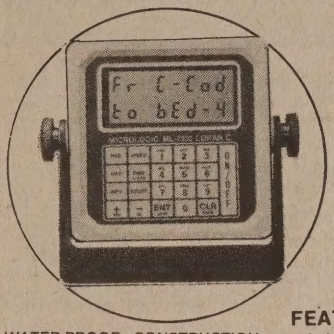

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# THE TACKLE DOCTOR

## by Russ Wilson

Dear Doc,

We are contemplating building a number of #30 trolling rods this winter. We will be using them to fish small tuna out to the Twenty Fathom Curve. The rods may also be used on occasion to fish for blues. Our research leaves us with three questions:

**1.** Would you recommend roller guides with the attendant maintenance or top quality conventional guides?

**2.** How about the question of Unibutt versus a one-piece rod?

**3.** Our fishing will be stand-up, without the benefit of a fighting chair. Should we consider the new "West Coast" rods? *Dave Rowland and Mal Ginsberg.*

*Dear Dave and Mal,*

*If you are going to use the rods strictly for tuna you might go with the rollers; but if the rods are going to be used as all around outfits, I'd go with the standard type guides. I do feel the 30 pound class outfits are going to be a little too heavy for bluefishing. Most of our bluefish rods are built on 20 pound class blanks and have standard aluminum oxide type ring guides. Our tuna outfits are rigged with rollers, but for sharking we tend to prefer the standard ring guides. It is a matter of personal preference, but the rollers are a good choice when fishing for fast running fish such as the tunas and billfish.*

*The Unibutt is probably the best for all purpose fishing. Most tuna fishermen prefer the Uni, as do sharkers and marlin fishermen. A 20 pound class blank of 7 feet and built with a hooded real seat could fill the bill as an all-purpose bluefish rod and it will comfortably handle most of the smaller, 30 to 100 pound bluefins or yellowfins you will find along the 20 Fathom Curve. It is, however, not the*

**Jetty fishing can be highly productive. There is some advice on jetty equipment in this week's column.**


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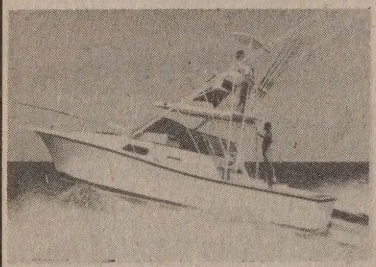

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*best selection. I'd still go with a 30 pound class blank for tuna fishing and I'd use rollers rather than the ring type guides.*

*The West Coast style rod is finding some favor among East Coast fishermen, even though it does have some slight disadvantages when compared to the longer length East Coast outfits. For openers, you lose the reach that a longer rod offers. When a shark or tuna comes in close to the boat, you must be extremely careful that the line stays clear of outdrive units, outboard props or the prop and shaft of an inboard motor. We opt for the longer rods for this reason.*

* * *

Dear Doc,

As a newcomer to jetty fishing, I have some minor troubles that you might be able to help me with. I purchased a pair of slip-on rubbers to wear over my boots. The cleats in these are very good, but the sides of the rubbers keep tearing. So far I've used three pairs of rubbers and have had the same thing happen. Where am I going wrong?

Also, I usually carry a couple of plugs in my jacket pocket, but am finding that I need to bring a more varied lure selection if I am to compete with other anglers fishing nearby. Can you recommend a surf bag to carry my lures, leaders and other necessary items? *Gary Hackett.*

*Dear Gary,*

*We, too, have had our share of problems with slip-on creepers. As you have noted, they do tend to tear at the instep. That is one problem. Another is the tendency to have a slip-on type creeper come off when you are attempting to negotiate a slippery, moss covered jetty. That's happened to us on numerous occasions and is one of the reasons we now use only creepers that are glued to the sole of a pair of knee, hip or chest high waders.*

*I recommend you visit a local shoe repair shop and ask if they will glue a pair of golf soles to your boots. Most of the shoe shops in the shore areas will do this for a reasonable fee, and you will then have the safety of creepers that cannot come loose unless you lose the whole boot, which is very unlikely.*

*Several excellent "shoulder" bags for carrying lures, terminal tackle, leaders and metal lures are available at moderate prices from shore area tackle shops. These are made up from heavy woven canvas or gas mask cloth and will last for many years. Some have inserts which allow you to place one or two plugs in each tube and others are sleeved so you can put your metals into the sleeves where they can't tangle with other lures. For less than twenty bucks, you can pick up a good tackle bag that will last for many seasons.*

*Hope that helps. If not, drop me a line and I'll see what else is available to accommodate your specific needs.*


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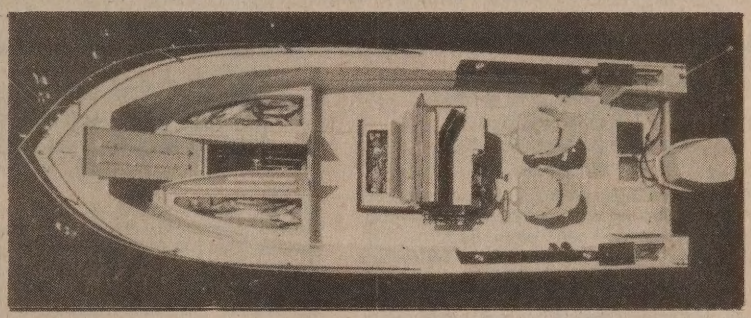

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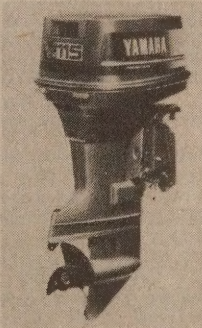

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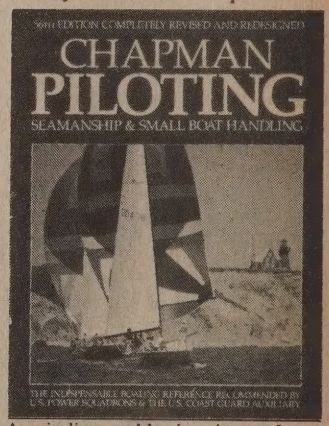
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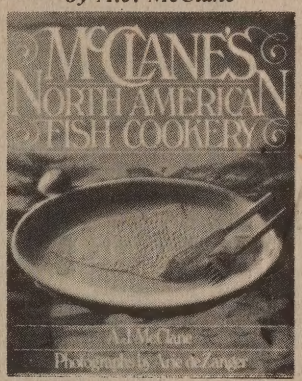


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You can have your inch thick steak, your juicy roast beef, or your luscious stuffed turkey with all the trimmings; but when Old Man Winter starts blowing his icy cold breath, just give me a piping hot bowl of soup and I'll be satisfied.

Being a fisherman as well as a soup lover, I prefer my tummy-warmers to have that distinctive flavor of the sea. And being a fisherman who also likes to putter around the kitchen, I enjoy preparing soups from scratch using fish I've caught myself.

The first order of business is to use a good soup fish. Excellent choices are blackfish, cod, and sea bass, which are available to North Atlantic anglers who don't mind the chill of cold weather fishing. Next, fillet your catch and use the remaining carcass to produce a rich, flavorful stock.

### FISH STOCK

head, tail and bones from 1 codfish
or 2-3 blackfish or sea bass
3 qts. cold water

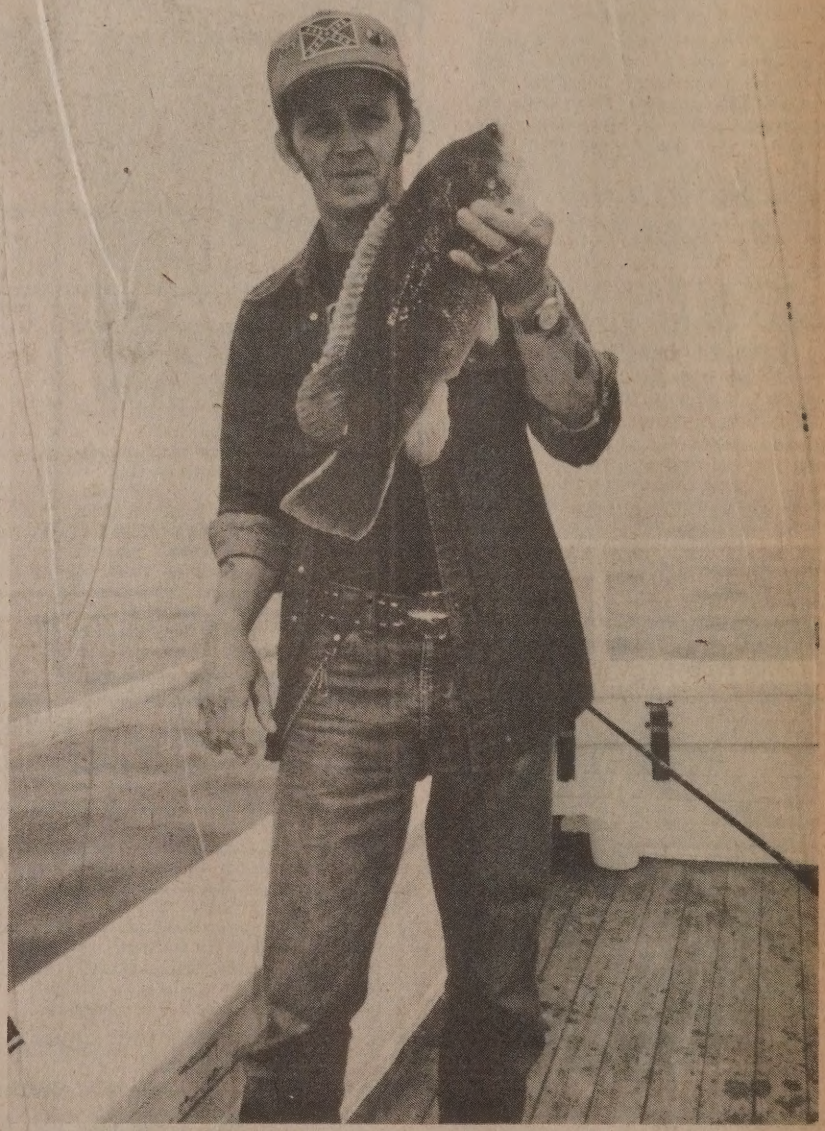
Clean fish heads, discarding gills, eyes and any part of the entrails that may be still attached. With a knife, score fish heads and submerge in a large kettle filled with 3 quarts of water. Remove any trace of entrails from the fish's skeletal frame, then add bones and tails to kettle. Simmer gently for about an hour, replacing liquid with cold water as it evaporates. Remove heads, bones, and tails, then strain liquid through a fine sieve or cheesecloth.

The fish soups described here combine a rich fish stock with fresh vegetables and fresh fish fillets. They are of a thick, stick-to-your-ribs consistency, worthy of the term hearty winter soups. I am sure you will enjoy preparing them as much as savoring the final product.

### CODFISH CORN CHOWDER

12 ears of corn
3 qts. codfish stock
1 small onion, diced
2 cloves garlic, crushed
1-4 oz. jar roasted peppers, diced
1 lb. codfish fillets, cut in cubes
salt & pepper to taste

Carefully cut kernels from 10 ears of corn. Chop the remaining two ears into about inch long pieces. Add corn kernels and cut pieces to a kettle filled with 3 quarts of codfish stock. Add diced onion and crushed garlic and simmer for an hour. After an hour's cooking, add roasted peppers, codfish fillets, salt and pepper. Continue to simmer for half an hour longer. Serve in individual deep bowls with oven-toasted, buttered corn bread on the side.



**Blackfish adapt well to some of the author's favorite soup recipes.**

### AUTUMN HARVEST SOUP

3 qts. blackfish stock
8 cups fresh pumpkin meat
2 cloves crushed garlic
2 ribs of fennel (or celery)
1 med. size zucchini
1 cup broccoli flowerettes
1 tbs. chopped coriander (or parsley)
1 lb. blackfish fillets, cut in cubes
salt & pepper to taste

Hollow out a fresh pumpkin and combine 8 cups of pumpkin meat with

3 quarts of blackfish stock in a large kettle. Add garlic and simmer for an hour. Stir frequently.

After an hour, remove from heat and cool briefly. Mash pumpkin or puree in a food processor. Return puree to kettle. Dice fennel and cut zucchini into thin slices. Add to kettle. Add broccoli flowerettes, coriander, blackfish fillets, salt and pepper and continue simmering for about 40 minutes. Stir frequently.

For a classy touch, this soup can be served in the hollowed out pumpkin. Just make sure pumpkin is flat-bottomed so it won't tip over and, of course, it doesn't leak!

**SEA BASS TOMATO SOUP**

2 lbs. plum tomatoes
3 qts. sea bass stock
1 lb. sea bass fillets, cubed
1/2 cup chili sauce
4 basil leaves, or 1/4 tsp. dried basil
dash of Worchestershire sauce
dash of cayenne pepper (or Tabasco)
salt & pepper to taste

Core and peel tomatoes by first plunging them into boiling water for about two minutes, then submerge them in ice cold water (this loosens the skins). Quarter tomatoes and simmer with sea bass stock in a large kettle for an hour. Transfer tomatoes and several cups of stock to a food processor and puree. Return puree to kettle and stir thoroughly.

Add remaining ingredients and continue simmering for about half an hour. Serve in individual deep bowls over hard Italian biscuits.

**BLACKFISH ASPARAGUS BISQUE**

3 qts. blackfish stock
2 lbs. asparagus
8 slices stale white bread
1 lb. blackfish fillets
2 cloves crushed garlic
2 carrots, peeled & thinly sliced
1 tsp. dill
salt & pepper to taste
heavy cream
nutmeg

Peel asparagus and chop off woody ends. Cut tips from stalk and set tips aside to be added later. Combine asparagus stalks and blackfish stock in a large kettle. Trim crusts from white bread, tear into pieces and add to kettle. Simmer all for about an hour or until asparagus are tender. In several batches, puree contents of kettle in a food processor. Return puree to kettle.

Add crushed garlic, blackfish fillets, sliced carrots, asparagus tips, dill, salt and pepper. Continue simmering for about 40 minutes.

Serve soup in individual bowls, garnishing each serving with a dash of nutmeg and a splash of heavy cream.

Each soup will generously serve from 4 to 6 as a main dish, or 8 to 12 as an overture to a formal dinner. I, however, prefer to warm my tummy by taking a quart along in my thermos bottle on those cold, blustery offshore codfish trips.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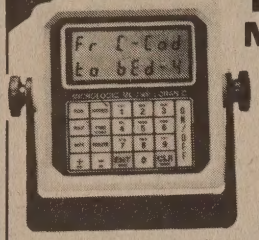

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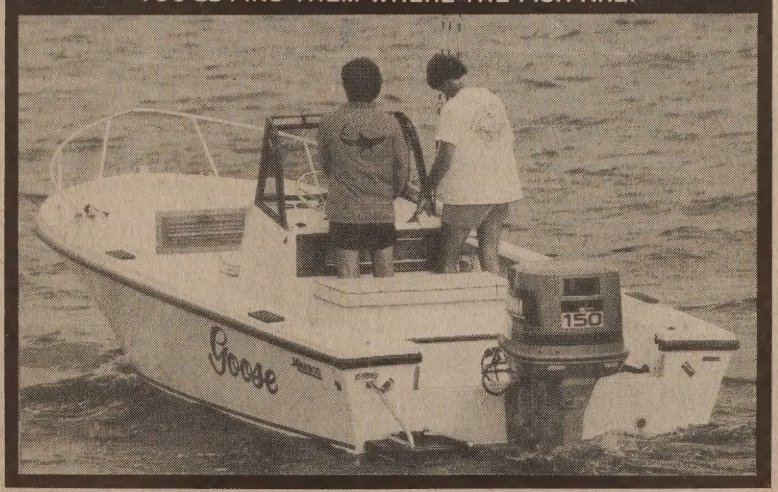


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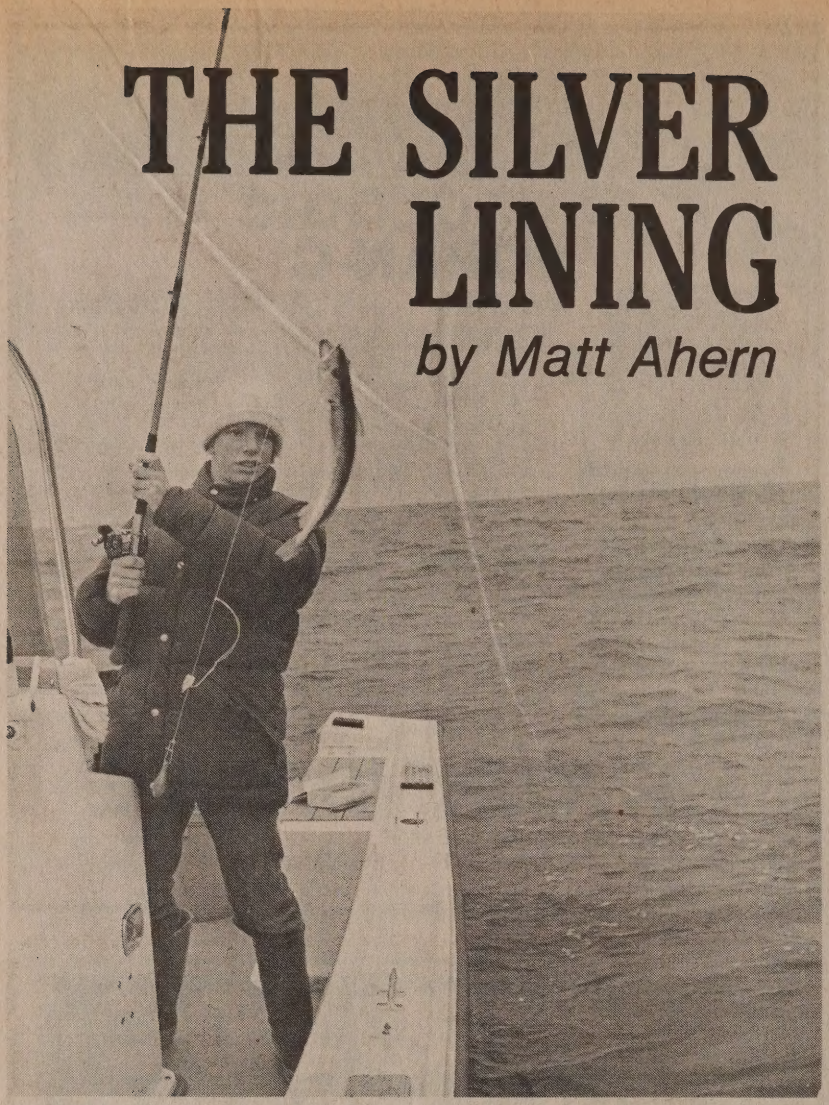

Whiting have always been one of my favorite fish. I remember as a kid spending many sleepless nights in anticipation of the next day's fishing. They, along with ling, were the one fish I knew I'd be sure to catch.

From late fall to late spring, thousands of party boat fishermen take advantage of the good whiting fishing available in the New York Bight at this time. These fishermen have discovered, as I did, that whiting are indeeed willing biters. Seldom do these fishermen concern themselves as to the outcome. They know they will put fish in that bucket. As for myself I can't recall ever being skunked when whiting fishing. Truly, they are the silver lining of our fall and winter fishing.

Tackle requirements are simple. A medium weight conventional rod and a matching conventional reel will work fine. Use the best tackle you can afford and be certain to shun the so-called "Hong Kong Specials." This shoddy, cheap tackle looks good—until you put it to use. It just does not stand the rugged requirements of party boat fishing. Barnum was right, you know, and it applies as well to us fishermen as it does to circus goers. Don't be penny wise and pound foolish.

Fill the reel with at least 150 yards of good quality monofialment line. This weight will allow you to use sinkers that are not too heavy. Whiting aren't the best fighters in the fish world, so anything you do to allow the poor guy to strut his stuff will increase your fun.

You should have no trouble rigging for whiting. Some fishermen use three and four hooks and it is not unusual to watch a rig come up with a fish on each. Personally, I think two hooks are all you need—especially does this apply should you be fishing close quarters at the rail. Tangles are common; they can't be helped. To my way of thinking, the time lost while freeing tangles nullifies the effect of the extra hooks. I've noticed time and time again that those anglers using two hooks aren't too far behind the multiple hook fishermen when the day is over. And with a lot less aggravation, too.

Hook sizes are critical and any type from 3/0 to 4/0 will prove satisfactory. My preference is the 4/0 Sproat (regular-shanked), but as the whiting has a large mouth armed with needle-sharp teeth, many fishermen use a long shanked hook in the above sizes. The choice is yours. Should you decide to use a long-shanked hook, you'll find the Kirby or Carlisle styles best.

To rig up, tie in one hook a snell's length above the sinker, and the other about two feet above. Most whiting will hit the top hook, but if there are ling around (and there usually is), they will seize the lower one. It will pay to think about this, for the pool winner is often a ling.

Some fishermen use three-way swivels when rigging up, but I seldom bother. I make two inch dropper loops formed with double-overhand knots at the prescribed distances. These knots won't cut into the line if tightened slowly.

Because of water depth, strength of current, rate of drift, line test, and so on, I can't tell you the exact sinker weight to use. But you should get by with sinkers between 6 and 10 ounces, with an eight ouncer a happy medium. Any type but a pyramid will be okay.

Bait is never a problem when whiting fishing. Most party boats supply clam or strips of whiting from the previous day's catch. Veteran whiting fishermen use fresh bait when possible, which means that the first whiting caught is usually sliced up. From then on, there's no problem with bait, for nothing catches whiting better than another piece of whiting. It is best to leave scales and skin on each slice for more durability. Run the hook through twice and allow an inch or so of the bait to flutter in the current. That, coupled with a bit of jigging, will bring whiting on the run. Don't hesitate to change bait when it becomes ragged. You'll catch more fish if you do.

On board a party boat, finding the fish is left to the skipper, of course—and find them he will. But finding them on your own isn't all that difficult.

Most party boat skippers who fish whiting in the New York Bight favor the Ambrose Tower and BA buoy area. At times, the old Scotland Lightship Grounds will produce big fish. For reasons I've never been able to figure out, fishing this area can be a hit or miss proposition. Yet some of the largest whiting I've caught came from this area. Give it a try if you're close by.

I still believe, though, that the Ambrose Tower area, coupled with the ship channel, cannot be beaten for action. As a boy, some 55 years ago, I used to take those morning whiting trips from Sheepshead Bay (fare one dollar) and knock 'em dead. There was never a bit of trouble filling a butter tub in the four hour's fishing time. The boat would return and take out another load of fish happy fans. Sometimes we'd enhance the catch with good sized white hake, which always took the pool for someone. In fact, during those times of the Great Depression, many fishermen fed their

families (and neighbor families) with these fish, besides putting shoes on the kids with pool winnings. Some fishermen, myself included, made two trips a day and financed future trips for cod. All from that Ambrose Lightship (Tower) area. I'll tell you, fellers, those might have been sad times, but like the dark cloud, they had their silver linings—in more ways than one.

For fishermen unable to fish this choice area, the best bet is to obtain a chart of the area where fishing is planned. Look for places marked mud, gravel, or shale in water at least 60 feet deep. Nothing less (especially if whiting fishing in June). Try those areas marked "sand" in the 100 foot depths should the fish fail in shallower water. These are your best shots. Avoid areas marked "wrecks," "rock," or other littered bottom. These spots produce few whiting.

Whiting are fished two ways: at anchor, or by drifting. Of the two, I believe drifting is best. But this depends much on daily conditions. There are days when it is impossible to drift and fish at the same time: too fast; or two slow for good fishing. Fortunately, these conditions do not happen often.

When drifting, you will find the fish often hit in spurts. Fishing will be hot and heavy, and then suddenly die out to a pick here and there, only to begin hitting again a little farther on down the line. This is common, and as long as there isn't too long a time interval between fish, fishing will again pick up when a new school is encountered. If this doesn't happen in a reasonable length of time, it means you've drifted completely out of the feeding area. Just return to your starting place and commence a new drift pattern.

Anchoring often produces more ling than whiting, but this is not a hard, fast rule, but is usually so. This is when the fisherman whose interest lies in whiting rather than ling can often help himself by removing the terminal tackle and tying on a 4 to 6 ounce diamond jig—weight depending upon strength of current. The jig works best when allowed to hit bottom, then reeled in a few turns to bring it two or three feet above the ocean floor. Jig action is imparted with one foot sweeps of the rod. Quick results are the rule here. The largest whiting I ever saw taken by this method (on the Southeast Grounds) was well over four pounds. No, I didn't catch it, but I sure wish I had!

Some fishermen use chum when whiting fishing, crushed skimmer, or bank mussel, but I've never found it necessary to do so. Chum will bring ling if they are in residence, but I've never noticed much improvement in the whiting fishing. Stick to the versatile diamond jig and put fish in your bucket.

So—before cod make their entrance, try a bit of whiting fishing. Put a silver lining in your fishing life.

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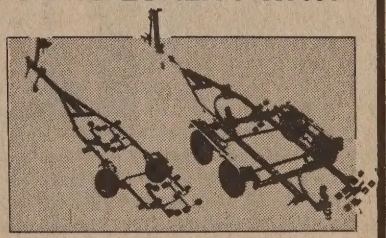

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# THE RISKS OF HYPOTHERMIA

## *by Tom & Joanne O'Toole*

**Hypothermia and its deadly effects are a threat to all of us who pursue cold weather sport.**

"What? Me worry?" And the thought is that it always happens to the other guy. Right? Wrong! It can happen to any of us, and the "IT" this fall/winter/spring season is hypothermia.

We've all heard the word, and we know it means something bad. Yet there are many who don't really know what hypothermia is, or how it affects one's mental condition and physical reactions.

Hypothermia is a subnormal body core temperature, and as the temperature drops, things begin to happen in a predictable sequence until unconsciousness and death take over. It can and does happen in every environment and in every state.

The most important thing to know about hypothermia is that it kills more people involved in outdoor recreation than anything else confronting outdoor enthusiasts.

As temperatures fall, those working, hunting, fishing, or playing around water should be especially aware of the dangers of hypothermia. It is a serious health hazard.

Although cold rain or wet snow combined with wind chill create classic conditions, hypothermia is not exclusively associated with winter weather and extreme cold. In the fall and spring when water temperatures are 50 degrees F or less, and the air temperature even as high as 60 to 70 degrees F, hypothermia is possible. If a person falls in the water, the body heat loss will be accelerated.

Simply put, hypothermia is a debilitating condition that takes place when the body loses heat faster than it produces it, and the body's normal temperature (98.6 degrees F) drops dangerously low.

What happens when hypothermia sets in, is the body temperature drops and the heart begins to slow down. Victims become weak and confused as less oxygen is delivered throughout the body. Many people don't recognize the danger signs, and those alone often die needlessly.

The loss of inner body temperature creates an extremely serious condition. This loss develops over an extended period while a person is exposed to rain and wind, or during a short exposure when a person falls into cold water—the most serious circumstances.

If you fall into the water from a boat, it is best to get in or on the capsized craft. Staying as far out of the water as possible will maintain more body heat, and will prolong advanced symptoms. If getting out of the water is impossible, you should be wearing your PFD (which doubles your chances) and can increase your survival time by 50 percent by assuming the heat escape lessening posture (HELP) or fetal position.

The greatest heat loss is from the head and neck, and these areas should be kept as high out of the water as possible. Under hypothermic conditions, avoid the drownproofing technique, because it requires putting your head in the water, and will cause you to cool more than 80 percent faster than if floating with your head out of the water.

If there are several people in the water, use the "huddle" method to help each other preserve body heat.

Swimming to shore can be a deadly decision. The general advice is to stay with the boat. Distances on the water are deceptive, and rescuers can more easily spot a capsized boat than a lone swimmer. Swimming burns up body heat, and in 50 degrees F water, even the best of swimmers could not make even a mile. Water chill is 24 times

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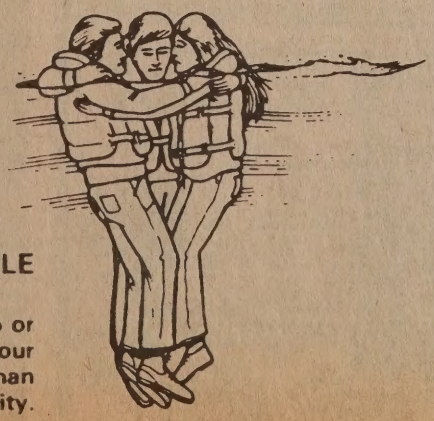

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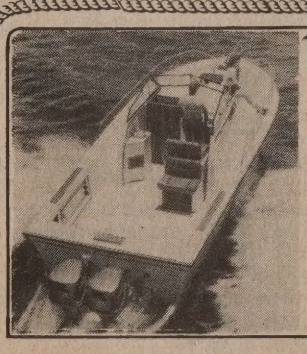

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Hypothermia is not something that drags on for a long time. It can kill a person in an hour and a half in temperatures as high as 50 degrees F. Because every victim is different in body size, health, the amount of body fat and resistance, circumstances vary. An intangible factor is the will to survive.

Once the affliction begins affecting the body, many people—even seasoned outdoor enthusiasts—are unable to counteract the process by themselves. When the blood to the brain is slowed, the mind fails to function correctly. Yes, even for the best of us.

Instead of hoping you'll be clear-headed enough to see the symptoms, prevent hypothermia from happening to you. There are a number of things you can do. There are many symptoms, but it is usually the other person who recognizes them in the person having the hypothermic reactions. Frequently, the person experiencing the symptoms becomes too disoriented to realize that is happening.

Ignore a victim's protests that everything is okay. Denial of being cold is common, and a hypothermic person may truly believe everything is all right. Their judgment is impaired, and they usually want to drift off to sleep—which could be permanent.

Any of these reactions are probably a signal someone is suffering from hypothermia: difficulty with simple tasks (clumsy actions), dull eyes, listlessness, slurred speech, confusion, forgetfulness, fatigue, an inability to control the hands, arms, or legs, slow breathing, cold stiff muscles, uncontrollable shivering or trembling, the stomach cold to the touch, or someone dozing off and being hard to arouse.

What to do? Too often people try to help and invariably do the wrong thing for a hypothermia victim. These are some of the things you must NOT do: don't give alcohol or drugs; don't massage the arms or legs; dont raise the legs; don't put the person in a hot shower; and do not administer hot drinks or hot food.

What you should do is promptly cover the victim's head and neck to prevent further body heat loss, keep the main body warm to maintain the vital organs, and handle the person gently. Call the local emergency room, rescue squad, ambulance, or doctor—depending on where you are and what medical facilities are quickly available.

Once it is determined a person is becoming hypothermic, it is essential others offer aid to prevent additional body heat loss. Skin-to-skin contact is an excellent way to transfer body heat. If a person in the group has become hypothermic, a field measure for rewarming is to strip the victim to the bare skin and place him in a sleeping bag or in a blanket with one or two rescuers who have also removed their clothing.

While waiting for medical help to arrive, immersing a person's hands and forearms in hot water may help. However, total immersion in hot water can cause shock.

Advanced stages of hypothermia render a person unconscious, the skin turns bluish-gray, muscles are rigid, breathing is shallow and the pulse is weak. Rewarming the victim is crucial and medical assistance is essential.

If a person appears dead, continue trying to restore body heat. Often hypothermia victims appear lifeless; yet their vital organs continue to function—but at a much lower rate—and they are alive.

Ever hear of "after drop?" This occurs with a deeply hypothermic victim after being removed from the surroundings to a sheltered spot. As the person is rewarmed, the stagnated and cold blood from the extremities returns to the core of the body, dropping the internal temperature even lower. Just as the recirculation is started, death may occur.

When death does occur, the official cause is frequently listed as something other than hypothermia. Victims in cold water lose control of their arms and legs and drown, while those on land whose body temperature has dropped too low die of heart failure. Sometimes death is listed as "due to exposure," yet the real cause is hypothermia.

When heading outdoors during questionable weather to fish, hunt, hike, camp, or just to enjoy nature, dress properly. Several layers of loose clothing are better than tight clothes, and mittens are always warmer than gloves. Because much of the body's heat is lost through the head, a hat, cap or stocking pullover will trap that heat and allow your body to send more warm blood to your hands and feet. Most important, stay dry and change clothes if they become damp or wet.

One of the best safeguards against hypothermia is to eat hot meals and drink warm liquids before going out. This provides the nutrition and fuel your body needs to stay warm. In the field do not allow yourself to become dehydrated and keep nibbling at high energy snacks to help maintain body heat.

If weather conditions worsen, seek shelter wherever possible, and protect yourself from the wet, wind and cold.

The best preventive maintenance against hypothermia is good old common sense. Anyone experienced in the outdoors should put on rain gear **before** they get wet. For insurance, an extra set of clothing should be with you, in the camper, or at least nearby.

The savvy outdoors person should be able to recognize in advance the conditions which can lead to the problem and take the necessary precautions to avoid trouble. Concerned activists also must be able to spot the warning signs in others in their group.

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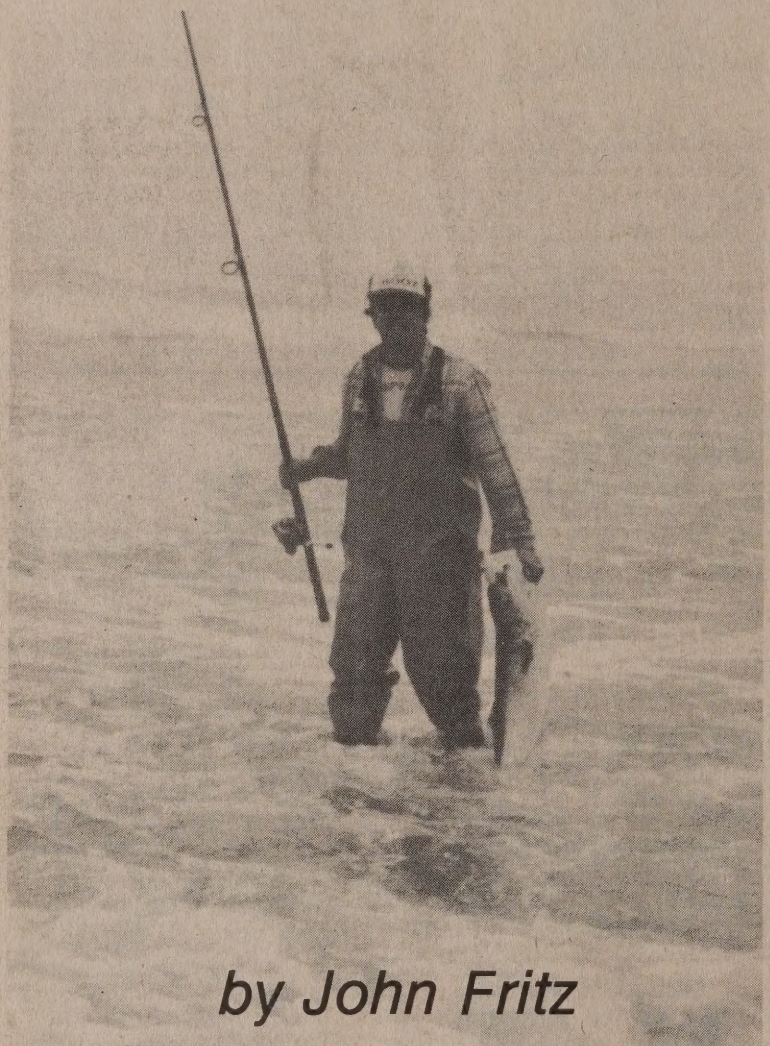


*by John Fritz*

Thank God for bluefish! Yes, I realize that they leave much to be desired as table fare, but what kind of season would it be without them. The amount of quality stripers is frighteningly diminished, while the weakfish are extremely selective in their appearances and willingness to strike a lure. Blue devils, on the other hand, from their arrival in May to their departure in late November, provide the average surf caster with innumerable opportunities to enjoy this great sport. For a great majority of surf fishermen, the events, experienced during the few weeks preceding Thanksgiving are the highlight of a long season.

After sulking offshore for the better part of the season, the autumn gales of late September trigger a gradual movement of these teen-sized bluefish towards the beaches. This slow influx of fish is periodically emphasized by flurries of exceptional fishing, usually during intervals of inclement weather, until a time shortly before final departure, when all hell breaks loose along the oceanfront. Nineteen monster blues by one bearded angler, 50 by four members of a local surf fishing club. Arm weary surfmen calling it quits out of sheer exhaustion. Remember these fish approach that magic 20 lb. mark, they are not the 4 lb. rats which flood the wash in early autumn.

What does it take to participate in such memorable surf fishing? Luck and patience, if you don't have the former, then you must exercise the latter. No one can pinpoint exactly when this explosion will occur, although I would place my money on mid-November. Where? Along a wide range of south side ocean beaches from Montauk to at least Jones Inlet in the west.

If you are one of those fortunate anglers who waltzes into fish every time your feet hits the sand, then read no further. I can't help you. In fact, maybe you could give me a call, I need all the help I can get. Anyway, for those of us who don't have the luck of the Irish, the only answer is to spend as much time as possible in the beach, especially these last few weeks. Even this is no guarantee, since blitzville can be taking place around the bend and a short distance from a group of bored anglers lamenting the lack of fish. Friends and a grapevine do help; no one can cover all the beaches in a given area by himself. Those who have little access to outside information aside from the latest published reports, should not be discouraged for there are ways to keep abreast of the current tidings from the waterfront. A drive by the parking lots and a few words with the regulars is one way to keep up to date. Phone calls to your favorite tackle shop, one reason why it pays to strike up an acquaintance with the local shop owner, is another method used to keep tabs on the local happenings.

Those with little leeway in their scheduled working hours (many reserve vacation time for the fall run) are forced to do the best they can on their time off. Days are short this late in the season, leaving the person working normal hours scant daylight to make a few casts, either before or after work. Unlike the blitz-type fishing experienced during the early autumn storms, this late season action can and does take place under a bright sun, in seas suited for a canoe. When the fish hit the beach one must react, including calling in sick if necessary. This final fling can be of a single day's duration or it can last the better part of a week. Tell your wife the season is almost over, tell her you'll rake the leaves after they all fall, tell her anything, but get your butt down the beach. Maybe even take her along.

Where? Okay, pick the area most convenient to you, south shore, of course, except if you live near Horton's and there are rumblings in that direction. A buggy will help, but isn't an absolute necessity. Out east the beaches are wide open from Ditch Plains west. Access roads and parking areas provide numerous entry points for walkers. Check as many beaches as possible, bring binoculars, talk to those you meet. If a more leisurely approach is desired, pick a location where schools of bluefish have re-

appeared throughout the season so far. Make note of where the haul seiners make a set, maybe their net will break and they will go away.

The area immediately adjacent to Shinnecock Inlet offers similar possibilities for buggies and walk-on access. A little further west entry is a bit more limited, with Cupsogue and Smith Point being the only walk-on access until the boundary of Robert Moses State Park is reached. Buggies, on the other hand, have approximately 12 miles of beach from Moriches Inlet west into the National Seashore. Buggy access here is dependent on the degree of coastal erosion; in some years the beach has been closed. Robert Moses thankfully, permits fishermen the use of Parking Fields 2, 3 and 4, plus buggy access to Democrat Point. Across Fire Island Inlet, permit holders are granted entry to the Sore Thumb area, but the Gilgo beaches are troubled by severe erosion. Therefore, passage here is a day to day affair. Walk-on access is available at any open parking field in Jones Beach, but remember this is strictly daytime fishing.

I realize that the area defined includes the entire accessible south shore oceanfront. The possibility exists for dynamite fishing to break out anywhere along this coast, but certain areas tend to enjoy repeat engagements year after year. Two notable West End areas thankfully lie within the boundaries of state parks. The Jones Inlet shore, from the radio shack south and the oceanfront, from the jetty pocket to West End II have rewarded faithful regulars with excellent results. The long trek back to the parking lot has many successful anglers releasing their fish; a practice which should be followed by all anglers. Fish that are bleeding profusely or those with damaged gills should be kept for they will die and be of little use to anyone except the crabs and a few gulls. Healthy bluefish should be returned quickly to the water after you have stocked the freezer.

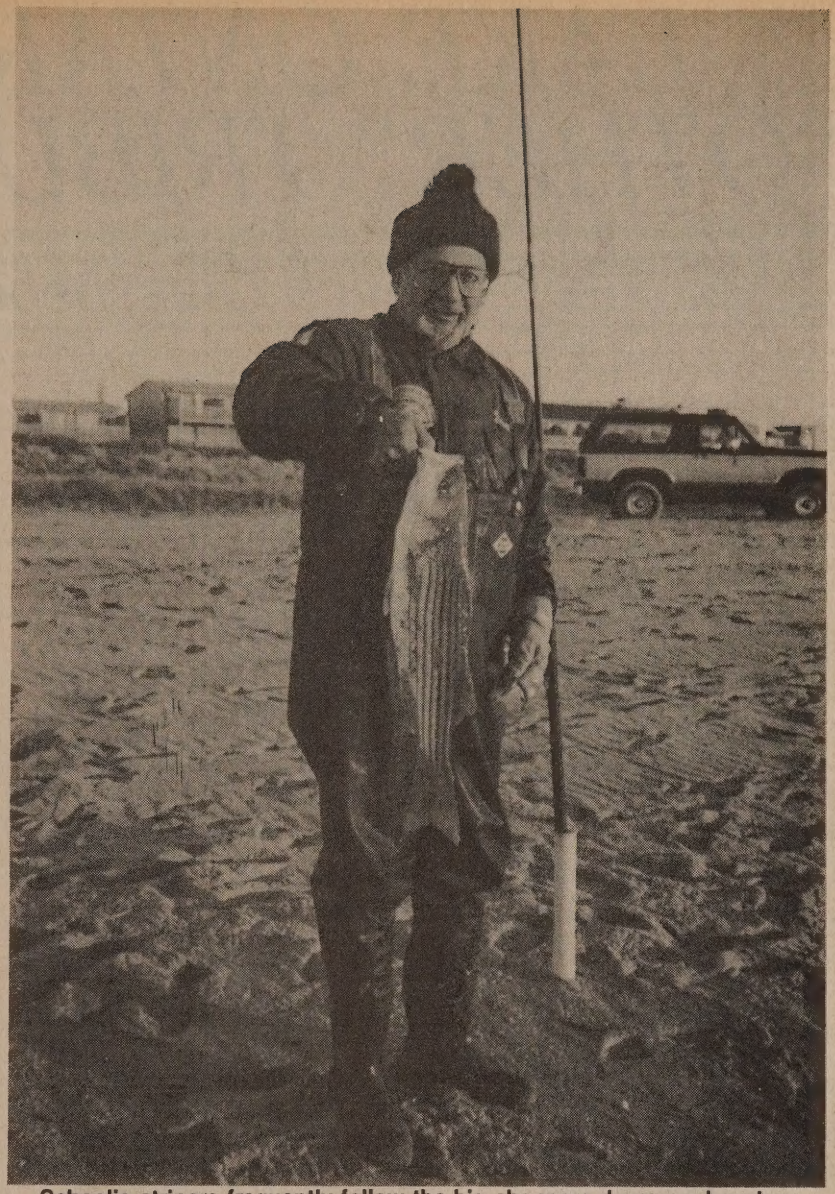
Fifteen miles or so east, we encounter the second November hotspot at Robert Moses, where the schools are likely to pop up anywhere from the jetty to Field #4. The best action, the past two seasons, was concentrated at either end of this stretch, the beach east of the jetty and to the left of Field #4. Visitors to the park at this time of the year may discover many vehicles clustered in the eastern portion of Field #4. If the lot is vacant the surf is probably void of fish. It is worth the effort of getting dressed to check it out? That is up to you but at least take a look. Who knows what lies on the other side of that sand dune? Nothing, then swing back west and do the same in Field #2, a pair of binoculars will indicate if the group of buggies assembled towards the jetty are into fish.

The further one travels east, the more the numbers of surf fishermen decline. Those who frequent the eastern shores are inclined to avoid the publicity common among their counterparts to the west. Cupsogue (the east side of Moriches) and Shinnecock east are sites fitting the pattern and are ideal locations for local anglers to await their chance to join the fun.

Out east, Hither Hills and North Bar are but two locations where shore fishermen, in the right spot at the right time, wore themselves out beaching monster blues. I'm sure other areas witnessed identical scenes, where masses of bluefish were greeted by only a handful of anglers if there was anyone there at all.

No list of presumed hotspots would be complete without at least mentioning two places which produce quality fish throughout the years. Great Gun in Smith Point Park and Cedar Beach west of Fire Island Inlet. Neither fit the pattern, for they lie west of their respective inlets, differences which occasionally result in these areas failing to produce those extremely hectic days, very late in the season.

These waning days of the fishing season are a superb time to chat with fellow anglers, about past experiences and the possibilities yet available. The younger generation have their parking lots and the surf fishermen have theirs. If the fish are apparently about their business somewhere else, most anglers are content to chew the fat, while a few die-hards keep it honest by slinging tin. Such time could be better spent dunking a chunk of bunker in the wash but then again, it's been a long season and it is time to relax. After all, when that school of big slammers moves in, there will be enough fish for everyone.



**Schoolie stripers frequently follow the big choppers down our beaches, but most casters call it quits when the bluefish action fades in late November. -*Photo by Fred Golofaro.***

# LAKE ONTARIO'S "OTHER" TRIBUTARIES

## by Rich Giessuebel

Over the years, the famed Salmon River of upstate New York has gained quite a reputation among steelhead fishermen along both the East and West Coasts of our country. With a hatchery at one end of the river producing tons of steelhead fry and releasing them to swim down the river to Lake Ontario at the other end, it is only natural that every year hundreds of tons of steelhead will return. Hence, with such a wide ranging reputation, one can understand why anglers are elbow to elbow all winter long during the steelhead run on this river. However, if many of these anglers were aware that other prime steelhead waters exist nearby in other tributaries of Lake Ontario, perhaps it would take the crunch off the Salmon River and give anglers there and elsewhere a little elbow room.

The scenario was a few years back late one January when friend Joe Rosa and I decided to try our luck fishing for steelhead up at the Salmon River. After battling several snowstorms in the mountains along the way, we eventually arrived at the Redwood Motel in Pulaski. With the temperature down near zero, the ground covered with snow, and over 30 units in the motel occupied by steelhead fishermen, you better believe that either the fishing was good or that somebody was crazy!

Up an hour and a half before dawn, the local C&M Restaurant was jampacked with guys, some wearing neoprene boots and others donning long underwear tops and thermal jackets and pants, waiting to get some breakfast before venturing out into the river where they could legally fish a half hour before sunrise. Looking around, it became quite obvious that this was a popular sport and that the river was going to be crowded.

Well, to make a long story short, Joe and I did in fact attempt to fish for steelhead at our favorite salmon fishing location just below the Black Hole. Only problem was that we were among 100 other guys who had the same idea. True, we did see many tangles, we did see many cold and frustrated fishermen since the river ran high all the time; we never once received a strike, although we did see several other anglers fighting fish, we never saw a single fish landed. It must have been about 8AM when we decided we had had enough of this!

Joe suggested we get in the car and drive around. So we got in and set the heater on hot and headed west on Lake Street where we turned on Rt. 3 and headed north. Soon we crossed the Little Sandy Creek where it runs out of North Pond, but it was completely frozen over. Almost stupidly, we continued north! Eventually, we crossed Sandy Creek where we were surprised to see several stretches of running water and much ice along the banks and all over areas where the water was standing still.

Using Luhr-Jensen Hotshot lures, we ventured down the steep cliffs to the waiting river below. We drifted the lures out in front of us in the fast water right to the edge of the ice flow and quickly Joe was into the first fish. It turned out to be a domestic rainbow of about 6 pounds. These fish really don't fight as hard as a steelhead, but then again, in the middle of the winter, even a steelhead doesn't fight as hard as a steelhead. The final tabulation for the day was that Joe and I managed two fish apiece, we each had a domestic rainbow and a steelhead, while from accounts of many anglers we talked to back at the Redwood, we concluded that nobody else fishing the big river had even one!

Well, from that day on, both Joe and I were sold on steelhead fishing, but we also knew that we didn't have to depend upon the Salmon River to provide all the entertainment. Soon, we were branching out all around the big lake and the results were the same. We caught fish! More and more our dependency was decreasing.

Steelhead anglers heading north this winter, take heed! There is life elsewhere. So, if you're interested, I'll run you around the big lake now and give you a blow by blow description of other places you can try in order to get some peace of mind and have a few fish in the cooler once your arrive back home.

By all means if you have never seen the Niagara Falls, plan to see it this winter, sometime between November and mid-December or late February on into March. The sight is simply amazing, but better yet, the river below will be crawling with steelhead.

This is a large river and fast. Slowing down some near Lewiston both bank and boat anglers alike need maintain respect for this treacherous stretch of river. Just like the Salmon River in the east, this is a power plant river which is lower along the banks before water starts to fall through the turbines somewhere around 8AM daily. However, if you are attentive, you will not get stranded once the water rises.

As for steelhead fishing, the river is A-1. Bank fishermen should try drifting egg sacs along the river between Art Park and the Whirlpool Rapids Bridge, the Lewiston Sand Docks, along the road south of Spire where it parallels the river, and at the Youngstown docks.

At the end of the river about 6½ miles downstream of the falls, sits Fort Niagara. From here east, you can travel along Rt. 18 towards Rochester and encounter many steelhead fishing rivers and creeks. Many of these fishing rivers have large piers at their ends jutting far out into the lake. On nice days, when there isn't any ice piled up along the river's banks, you can fish for steelhead or brown and lake trout which will often accompany the steelhead in and out of the inlets during this colder period of the year. However, let me remind you that this is the snow belt and it can get brutally bitter any time! The days here are never too pleasant at best!

The first steelhead sanctuary is Four Mile Creek. Although it receives some steelhead, it is rarely fished. Next comes Six Mile Creek which is similar to Four Mile. At Twelve Mile Creek, which enters Lake Ontario at the Town of Wilson, you can catch steelhead from the east pier or along the river. Eighteen Mile Creek at Olcott provides excellent fishing for steelhead from the inlet all the way back to Burt Dam when the river isn't ice covered. When ice covers the river, try at the inlet off the stone inlet pier.

You get to the pier by walking down a short path at the end of Van Buren Street and then crossing a short stretch of beach to the inlet pier. Fish egg sacs right on the bottom. Steelhead and browns are usually active here all winter long. If you can get into the river, fish beneath Burt Dam. There's a parking lot for anglers at Fisherman's Park in Burt from where it is a short walk downhill to the river and upstream to the waiting dam.

Olcott is also a fisherman's village. It has an offshore fishery all summer

long and in the winter, it becomes the hub of salmon and steelhead fishermen. Beyond Olcott comes Golden Hill Creek with access at Golden Hill State Park off Rt. 18, Marsh Creek where you can fish at both the Rt. 18 and 104 bridges and Johnson's Creek with access along Yates-Carlton Townline Road and at Lakeside Beach State Park.

At Oak Orchard Creek, you can catch steelhead all along the lower section. The best time is early spring or after a good thaw or heavy rain somewhere around late March or early April. Access is gained at the Rt. 18 bridge for the lower section. Next comes Sandy Creek in North Hamlin fishing along Rt. 19 whenever the river is open.

Moving east, you come to Salmon Creek out of Braddock Bay where there are many steelies caught annually. Late in the fall and early in the spring tend to be the best times. Again, egg sacs are the best fished bait. Look for access along Rt. 18 east of Hilton.

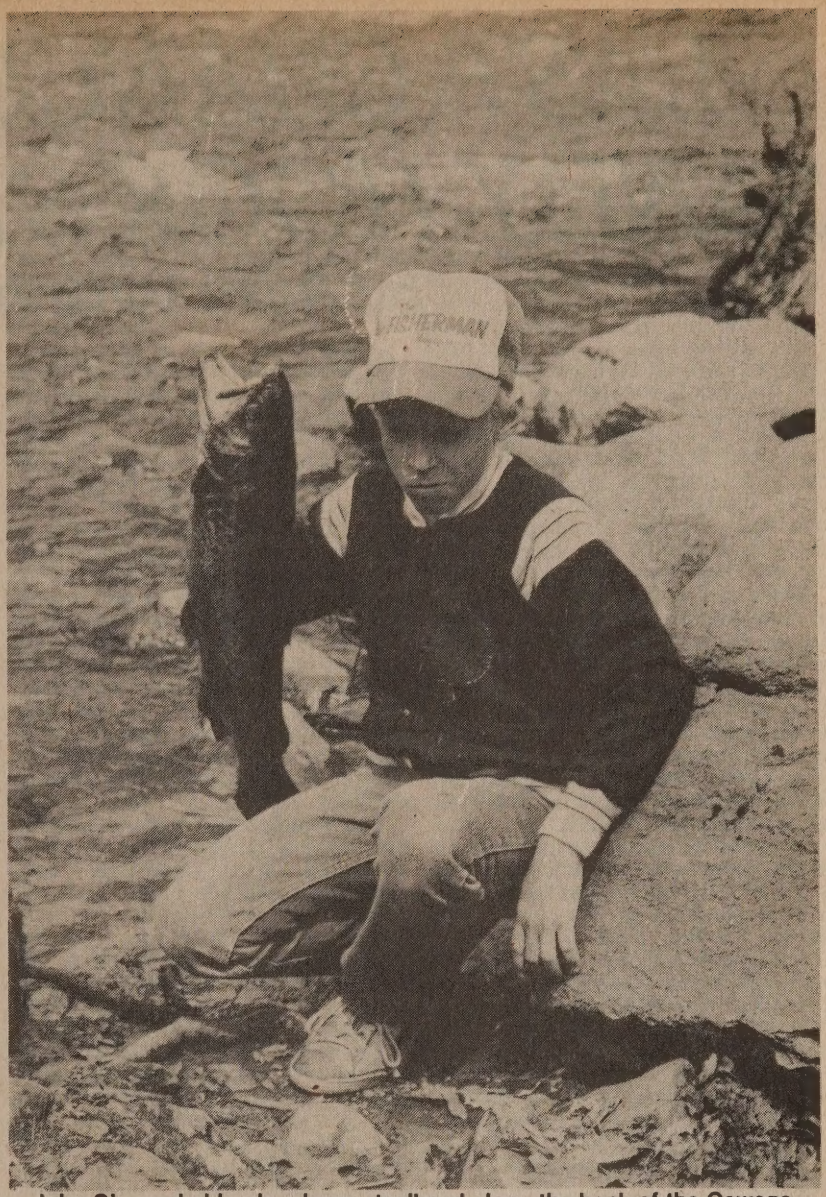
Soon, you will come to the Genesee River. This is again a broad, deep and highly polluted river that gives up annual catches of steelhead that I'd advise you not to eat. However, you can have much fun catching them below the falls at Driving Park Avenue all the way out to the lake and on the eastern pier at the inlet. This is a beautiful river that runs in a deep gorge right through the middle of Rochester, but it isn't a pleasant smelling river. If you can, give it a wide berth!

East of the Genesee, you can fish along the Irondequoit Bay Causeway, at the pier in Webster, the Salmon Creek in Pultneyville and at Maxwell Creek just west of Sodus Bay. These are all slow moving bodies of water and you can't fish during the coldest portions of the winter!

Once at Sodus Point, try fishing off the inlet pier. This is a long one stretching some quarter of a mile out into Lake Ontario. Steelhead, brown, and an occasional laker can be taken along this stretch. However, the best times here, like elsewhere, is when the water is ice free.

From Sodus east, you come across many little creeks that all get a run of steelhead in the fall, winter and spring. However, unless you are masochistic, it is next to impossible to get into them and fish with any degree of consistency. Therefore, stick to the east of here and concentrate on the Oswego and Little Salmon Rivers where there are good runs of accessible steelhead.

Consistent steelheading can be had from the lock dams and spillway on the Oswego River out to the big lake about 1/4 mile away almost all winter long. This region is also subject to much snow and cold weather. In fact, it is probably overcast here sometime during the day or night on over 200 days per year. Therefore, always be prepared for the worst weather, and consider everything else a bonus.




**John Giessuebel lands a large steelhead along the bank of the Oswego River in upstate New York near Lake Ontario.**

At the Little Salmon River, if the roadway is accessible, you can fish from the Little Salmon River State Park on the northern shore at the inlet or at the Rt. 104B bridge upstream to the first barrier.

Further north, Rt. 104B runs into Rt. 3 to the Salmon River. However, just before the big river is Selkirk Shores State Park and the Grindstone Creek. This river receives good attention from guys trying to avoid the crowds on the Salmon River. At its mouth, there is one pool that holds many steelhead and brown trout most of the winter long. It is worth a shot every time there isn't ice visible. Also, if you can get here at ice out, you will usually stand a good chance to get a fish or two.

Turning north from here, you cross the Salmon River and head north to the Little Sandy Creek, Lindsey Creek, Skinner Creek, South Sandy Creek, and Sandy Creek. These are all major steelhead waters which house quite a population of fish all winter long. Don't be surprised if you can't catch a few steelhead in them any time during a mild winter. But, definitely try fishing them soon after ice out in the spring.

Well, if you too are tired of the large crowds that frequent the Salmon River, give these other Lake Ontario tributaries a shot. Also, don't overlook the two tributaries that empty into the Salmon River itself. Orwell Creek and Trout Brook can always be counted on to hold a few prime steelhead during the winter. The best part about fishing them and the other tribs that we have mentioned is that you would believe you are the last person on earth! Very few fishermen trod too far from the Salmon, so if you move around a little, you will certainly afford yourself some elbow room.

# LAST CHANCE FOR SANDY HOOK STRIPERS

## by Russ Wilson

Most striped bass fishermen who take their sport seriously will fish as late in the season as they can without suffering a bad case of frostbite. These dedicated "bassmen" will bundle up to ward off the biting west winds, gather up a load of surgical tube rigs, and head for Sandy Hook, for it is here that the last of the season stripers are normally found.

Boats sailing from New York ports such as Atlantic Beach, Sheepshead Bay and other lesser known basins will join with private and charter boats sailing from New Jersey ports to cash in on the bonanza. Often you will hear a Brooklyn accent punctuating the brisk morning air in answer to some Jerseyite's question or to suggest the Jersey angler just might be trolling a tad too close for comfort.

That's what makes this late season striped bass fishing so unique and it is one of the reasons that many bass addicts continue to fish up to and beyond the first week of December. Catching fish is always fun, but being out there when conditions are less than ideal can make the experience much more rewarding. For sure, you will do some catching, but more importantly, just being able to fish beyond the normal dates is equally important to many of us who can't stand the idea of having our boats sitting idle when there are fish to be caught.

Weather is a major factor in this late season bass fishery. It does get cold when those northwest winds howl and air temperatures dive into the teens. To enjoy this kind of cold weather fishing, you must be dressed accordingly and even then, you will still have days when insulated Long Johns, woolen outer garments and a set of foul weather gear is not enough to ward off the chill. If this does not discourage you, read on, for December striped bass fishing at Sandy Hook can be ultra rewarding.

We normally carry only a couple of mid-weight popping type rods and reels for the occasional times when stripers opt to do their feeding near the surface or in tightly packed schools on or near bottom. Diamond jigs, bucktails or natural baits will usually get results during these brief periods.

At all other stages of tide, times of day (or night) and when linesiders have the sand eels pocketed, you will be trolling with single strand wire line. This includes monel, stainless steel and lead core trolling line. Most experienced trollers go with the standard 150 feet of wire plus a 15 to 20 foot leader on 50 lb. monofilament between their wire line and the lure.

The classic 30 pound class trolling rod with carboloy guides or the newer aluminum oxide ring guides is preferred by most bass trollers, but some do use the roller type guides feeling that they allow a smoother retrieval of wire line during freezing weather. Our rods are rigged with carboloy guides, measure slightly less than 7 feet overall and are built on 30 pound fiberglass blanks, and with them we've taken bass to better than 40 pounds without a hitch in all kinds of wintry weather.

Late season stripers do not display that slam-bang attack that is often shown by fall run linesiders. Occasionally, you will see a bass break the surface but far more often you will see only scratches on your graph recorder. By placing the lures at the depths you are reading bass your chances of catching are greatly increased.

There is no doubt whatsoever that the umbrella or gorilla rig is the most effective striped bas producer during the tag end of the season. We've had days when trolling a mini-rig on a 150 foot shot of 40 pound test single strand stainless steel wire line that we couldn't keep the stripers off the tubes. At other times, often during the same day, we couldn't buy a hit on the mini-rigs, but would get constant action when dragging a full blown six arm gorilla rig.

Tube color can be critical. I don't think any of the regulars would troll a tube rig without first making sure at least one or two of the tubes were white and at least that number were burgundy. Why these two colors are so effective, is a mystery to us; but since they are so effective, we would not drop a rig into the water if it didn't have white or burgundy tubes.

Other colors, including black, blue, yellow, red, green or bright orange, can be productive also; but even when these are drawing hits, it pays to have white and burgundy scattered somewhere on the rig.

We do not fish a dropback tube down the center slot on our late season striper rigs. Instead of the dropback down the center, we tie on two dropper tubes off the outer arms and it is these that usually receive most of the strikes from feeding linesiders.

Captain John Sekora, manufacturer of the famed Sekora Rigs, markets some umbrella rigs which already have the outer tubes tied in with a dropback length of monofilament line. We've used the Sekora rig with excellent results and can recommend it to anyone who is just getting started at late season striped bass trolling. Sekora also markets single tubes in a variety of sizes and colors and they, too, are well constructed and built to take a lot of punishment.

We've also had very good results with Spider umbrella rigs and have been using them for nearly 10 years without complaint. A nice feature of the Spider rigs is their easy take-apart which allows you to store the metal frames in a tackle compartment or tackle box. Most tube rigs don't collapse and can't be stored in a small area, so the take-apart feature is real nice when you're working with limited space.

There are many places throughout the lower bay and on up to the Verazzano Bridge where you can troll these late season stripers. The area known as "between the channels" is one of the hotspots that gets a lot of play from New York and New Jersey striper hunters during late November and into December. It's a big area and not all of it produces bass. You have to work the lumps and dropoffs to be successful and the only way to accomplish this is to learn the waters. Purchase a NOAA chart of Sandy Hook and mark off the uneven bottom areas and then work them until you have Loran numbers of all the structure. It takes time, but the effort is well spent for you will discover a pattern that produces bass and once you have it, you can work the area thoroughly and catch bass most of the time.

West Bank, Romer Shoal, Norton's Point and the Tin Can Grounds are accessible for boats sailing from either side of the bay and will usually attract big crowds when the striped bass are schooled up prior to moving up the Hudson where they spend the winter months.

We've had some memorable days when trolling along the West Bank Channel and around Norton's Point. It can be hectic when a lot of boats are working small spots, but results dic-

tate that anyone who hopes to catch stripers must fish with the fleet or head for the dock with an empty fish box.

Occasionally you will see huge schools of sand eels swimming just beneath the surface. A snag hook can be used to snatch these choice baitfish and once you have one that's alive and kicking, it pays to rig it on a single hook (#1, 1/0 or 2/0 beak style hooks are an excellent choice) and liveline it to the waiting stripers. A lot of sharpies have been doing this for years, but it's well-guarded secret.

Last year we hit the stripers off Sandy Hook Park in 25 feet of water. When the bass were schooled up on that particular patch of oceanfront we could troll the rigs on wire and not worry about hanging bottom. In this area, the bottom is very even and to catch you must present the lures just off bottom, but not so high they are out of the bass' strike zone. It takes a bit of getting used to, but once you get the hang of trolling the lures tight to the bottom, your striper scores will zoom.

Once the schools of stripers move into the bay proper they will spread out and take up residence on the structure areas. The lower bay is stiff with sharp dropoffs, channel edges, shoal waters and sunken wrecks and most of these spots will produce fish at one stage of the tide or another. Many days you will find fish actively feeding on dead low water, while at other times they may decide to chow down when the tide is at flood.

Romer Shoals has always been a favorite of ours. There is usually a strong current running over the shoals and this tends to attract hungry stripers to the shallow waters surrounding the lighthouse. You can't troll with a long length of wire, but it's possible to drag rigs or single tubes, bunker spoons or plugs over the shoals by weighting the line with trolling drails or a short shot of single strand.

Every type of late season fishing has its drawbacks. When fishing for striped bass at Sandy Hook, it's the size fish you will normally catch. Many of the stripers taken on tube rigs will not be of legal size and few will top the 10 lb. mark. We have had days when the ratio of keepers versus throwbacks was 10 to 1. That means we could legally keep only one out of every 10 bass we brought to the boat and this can be very frustrating when you're fighting a northwest wind that's making the chill factor something like 10 or 20 below zero.

The New York minimum size of 24 inches has reduced the participants in this striper fishing and New Jersey's newly established 5 fish per day limit will have its effect on the fishery also. A lot of striper specialists who once fished for the market no longer do so. This should leave more bass for the sportsman who wants only a fish or two to eat.

The only spot where we've had reasonable success with larger stripers is the flats off the Highlands Bridge or the section located directly east of the observation house at Sandy Hook Park.

There are a few charter boat skippers who still fish the late season stripers, but in recent years interest has dwindled to a great degree. You might find a charter out of Atlantic Beach or at Highlands or Belmar, but don't count on it. If you really want to give this fishery a try, you will more than likely have to do it on your own or with a friend who keeps a trailerable boat rigged and ready to go.

We fish out of Shark River and will generally run up the beach using it as some shelter from the northwest winds that are always present during the tag end of the season. Occasionally we will make a stop at Elberon or Monmouth Beach to see if any stripers are around, but most of the time our first stop will be off the Highlands Bridge and if that does not pay off, we'll continue on until reaching the tip of the Hook and the area between Ambrose and Sandy Hook channels.

It is a much shorter run from the municipal ramp at Atlantic Highlands or from one of the ports located along the New York shore, and anyone living in this area who keeps a boat docked in the bay has a much shorter run and greater chance of scoring with these late season stripers.

**Kinsey Mathews caught this 34 pounder when trolling wire line during late season striper hunt.**

# WRECK HUNTING FOR WINTERTIME COD

## by Greg Venturo

Catching cod is great sport whether from a party boat or your own private boat. You have to admit there is a special feeling you get when you are the captain and find your own good catch.

Now, don't think you have to wait till there is snow on the ground to catch cod. I'm running a little late this year starting my codfishing in October, but you can fish for cod almost all year long on your own boat.

The single most important item you have to remember in locating cod is depth and structure. I have taken cod in Jersey this past spring in sight of the beach on a wreck that is only seven miles off the beach. But this is the exception to the rule. You will most often find good codfishing in waters of 120 to 220 feet of water. Most of my better catches are in 100 to 150 feet of water. If you want to take a shot at late fall and early spring fish on the shallow water wrecks on the way to offshore areas you might luck out.

There are several basic items you will need on the boat to catch cod. The first being good ground tackle to anchor up.

You cannot bleive how frustrating it is to get to the codfish grounds and not be able to set the hook in the bottom. Sounds too hard to believe that it's that hard to drop an anchor? Well it is if you're not set up right. First thing, you can forget about using 150' of line to anchor in 120 feet of water. You will need at least 400 feet of nylon line, polypro line because it will float the chain up off the bottom. Yes, you will need chain, and not a short three foot section, but rather a long 6 to 10 foot section so the line will let the flukes of the anchor dig in.

Once you have located the wreck you will run upcurrent and set your anchor so you will drift back over the wreck. Sounds real simple, but just wait till you try this a couple of times. You will learn to judge tide and drift real quick or have the anchor windlass working very often. My anchor windlass is the Wayne Pinder and Mac McLaughlin type: a lot of muscle. When you feel that you are a sufficient distance away from the wreck, hold the boat in that spot and let the anchor and line hit bottom before you begin to let out extra line to get back over the wreck. This will give the anchor less drag and not lift it off the bottom. Pay out your line freely when you back off the anchor so it takes a good bite when you set up. Dropping the hook too far from the wreck makes the odds of hitting it a lot less. You can take a short set on the wreck on calm days but you do take a chance on losing the anchor. You can grapple up to a wreck. A grapple hook is a large multi-hooked object that is weighted and uses the hooks to snag a piece of the wreck.

If you can manage to take a good set with a grapple hook there is no mistake about being on the right spot. You will find grappling up in deep water to be very difficult, so it can normally be done only in a fairly calm sea .

We know how to drop the hook on the wreck, but we first have to find the wreck and that will require two pieces of equipment.

A Loran, for those of you who are not boat owners, but fishermen who fish the party boats and the surf and may not be sure of what a Loran is, it is a radio receiver that times the distance the radio beam travels to get to your spot. By taking two radio beacons at as close to a 90 degree angle as you can then measure the TD (time distance) traveled and then show it as a measurement of microseconds. These numbers are broken

**Typical "school" codfish were caught when fishing a wreck located forty miles off the coast.**

down into grids that are placed on a chart and the captain can calculate his exact position to within 50 feet. That's how we find the wrecks.

Once you have a hot set of numbers that are supposed to mark a cod producing wreck, you will set out to find the wreck. Now at this point, I am going to assume that you will know how to use a Loran. This is another article all by itself if you don't.

When you are coming onto your numbers, about a half mile out, start to slow your boat down to idle speed. The reason for this is to allow the Loran to catch up to your position. The Lorans don't track as fast as manufacturers claim and coming onto the steady set of numbers will give you a stable starting place to drop a marker buoy.

If you are fortunate enough to have a good set of numbers and come up on the wreck proper you don't have to do much looking. But like the rest of us if you sometimes miss the wreck you must establish a S.A.Y.S.F. (that stands for Search And Ye Shall Find). If you have a set of numbers that are halfway close. Every Loran does not always give the exact set of numbers in the same place. The reason for this is the more expensive sets will acquire more secondary waves and filter out more interference than less expensive sets. Don't be surprised when you drop that buoy over and have to start a square search pattern and run your numbers constantly out until your recorder shows the telltale scratches of a wreck. It might take you a half to a full hour to find wrecks but once you have the exact numbers for your Loran the next trip wil be much easier.

When you start your pattern don't take too large a bite of the search area at once. Take your time and run a 50 foot parallel lines pattern and you will soon find the wreck. Once you have located the wreck don't be so quick to drop the hook. What you will want to do is crisscross the wreck finding out which way the wreck lies. This may be north to south or east to west. Take the numbers down and measure the wreck finding the longest running part and the narrowest part. This, for the most part, will show the bow to stern length and the beam size.

A good chart recorder at this point is a must. Long before you find the wreck you might see some signs of life on the bottom. The fish will normally lie fairly close to the wreck and if you see strong signs of life to one area of the search, you can concentrate your time there and soon find the wreck. Bottom expansion features really come into their own and an exploded view of the bottom helps. Be extremely careful at what you are looking at on the recorder for some of the wrecks that are given out on the charts you buy are very old. Some of the better wrecks especially in the Red Square area are old wood barges and schooners and are sometimes no more than a little rise often not more than a few feet off the bottom. This is when a recorder with good power and white or gray line features is a must. The recorder sends out a sound wave and it is bounced back to the sending unit (transducer). The machine picks up that sound wave and will show it as a fish, bottom, or wreck. Hopefully all three. The amount of received signal will show as more lines that are darker and deeper on the paper. So watch the recorder and if you see a small rise of the bottom and notice a stronger return signal because the wreck reflects more sound waves you might have found an old wreck.

As I said before, go over the wreck and see what way she lays. See if any spot will hold more fish than another. Bottom expansion again plays a strong part. You will find one thing with a zoom feature. If you blow it up too much the wave motion will show the bottom contour as great rises and falls and will distort the picture. I will very rarely expand more the 10 to 20 feet of the bottom and 10 feet only on a very calm day. You just can't get the right picture if you don't.

I had an Eagle Mach I recorder two winters ago and the machine will expand half the depth and this was easy to do and did a nice job. I now have a Lowrance X-16 and I can blow up any segment in one foot intervals. This at first sounded great and it is when used right, but it played heck with me until I got smart and blew up larger segments for better pictures.

Once I am on the wreck I will blow up the bottom to a 5 or 6 foot picture but only when I'm on the hook. This allows me to get a good look at the bottom life and the wreck itself.

One other hint I'll pass on about wreck fishing and that is to fish the inshore piece of the wreck. The reason for this is that when the wreck lies out there the ocean along Jersey coast will roll westward and pass over the wreck and deposit silt and other debris on the ocean side while the water tumbles over the inshore side and constantly scrubs the inside piece. This washing effect will keep plenty of open hiding spots for the fish and the bait will roll onto that side. Don't get me wrong; you should experiment on the whole wreck for sometimes the fish will move around the wreck, but the inshore side will usually outproduce the rest of the wreck. When you drop the hook set up on the side with the fish. Keep that recorder on and at high speed for good clear pictures even though you are already anchored up. The reason for this is to see if any fish are moving on the wreck. Sometimes you can read the fish and not get a bite. It is these times you have to wait for the tide change or switch to a different tactic like jigging.

I said I'd give you a few of my favorite wrecks and here they are. They all have produced cod for me at one time or another. They are good numbers, but my Loran might be a little different than yours, so just S.A.Y.S.F. When that big cod hits, set the hook once for me.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# PREPARE YOUR BOAT FOR WINTER STORAGE

## by Richard Thompson

Soon it will be time to cover up an old friend for the season. In this article, we will explore some do's and don'ts of proper boat hull and motor maintenance.

Throughout the years of structural repairing, refinishing and spraying plastic urethanes, I have encountered needless errors in taking care of the fishing or crusing vessel. Whether you have a bay runner or canyon runner, being big on preventive maintenance can save much unwanted down-time during the peak fishing season. Not to mention time and money on repair bills. "An ounce of prevention is worth a pound of cure" does certainly hold true with a vessel that's only in use six or seven months a year.

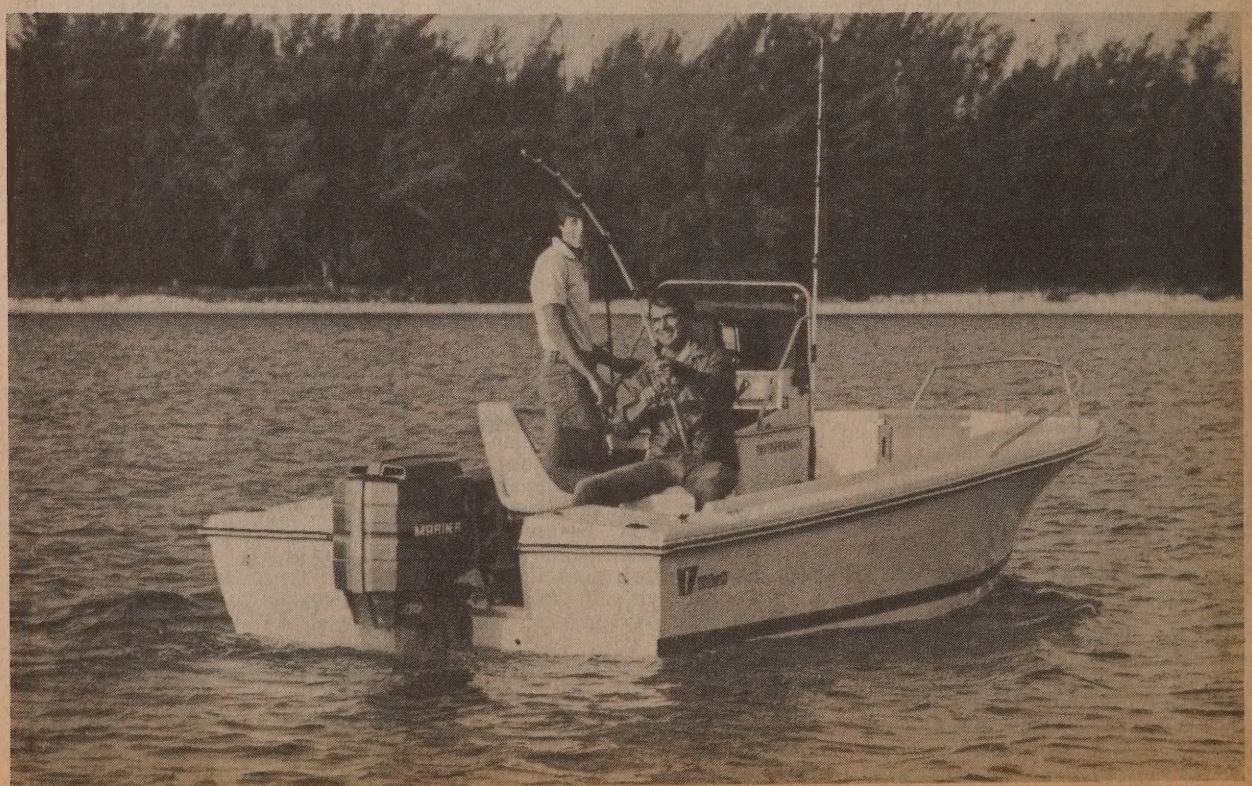
First of all, for those of you who trailer your boat to your favorite fishing location, be sure you have the proper capacity trailer for boat and motor weight. Ask your local boat dealer what is ideal for you. Secondly, take the time to properly adjust the trailer rollers to the configuration of the hull; supporting the keel or spine of the boat is everything. The belly band or windshield cabin entrance area is another area of good support for side rollers to be placed. An extra gunnel strap before midship is an extra precaution to keep the boat and trailer mated together while driving down the road. Do watch for obstructions in the road's surface. Most splits or punctures can be avoided following these steps. Of course, check your trailer's condition, too.

In storing the boat for the offseason, here are some tips I have found will save you some aggravation. Whether your boat is on a trailer, up on chocks or in a cradle, allow for proper water drainage. Level the boat according to its drainage system. Ice or water in a hull can cause severe damage. Fractures, splits, delamination and soft spots can occur if water is allowed in the wooded core of a fiberglass hull. Blistering is another common problem of saltwater intrusion.

For those who have wooden vessels, a couple of extra blocks under the front stem and under both sides of the rudder at the extreme end of the transom is an effective method of keeping the vessel more to form over the dry storage period in the winter. Rock salt liberally scattered in the wooden hull will help prevent dry rot, as freshwater will rot wood, while briny water acts as wood preservative.

If possible, choose a clear site for storage. Avoid parking your boat under or near trees. Most structural and canvas damage is done during the winter months. Tree limbs laden with ice and snow accompanied by strong winds are the problem.

When preparing for winter storage, here are some helpful hints in storing your boat. A battery will last substantially longer if it is emptied of its contents, placed in a plastic container and turned upside down and stored in a warm place for the winter. Refill in



**The way you treat your pride and joy now will determine how well it treats you next spring. To ensure trouble-free pleasure, just follow some tips given by author.**

the spring. This retards the corrosion of the battery plates. Remove all possible electronic equipment and store in sealed plastic bags; this will prevent any moisture from creeping into the equipment. Aerate all PFDs; cramped in a tight bulkhead will cause serious deterioration. Turn cushions up, if not removed, so they can receive ventilation. Use special antifreeze only for freshwater systems. It can be found at most marine supply stores. If you have a Porta-Potti, make sure it is emptied of all water and clean. If left unattended, some of these units will crack when frozen. A dab of heavy grease at each extremity of throttle and transmission and rudder cables will ensure moisture will not penetrate the inner housing of the cables, a common problem that happens every year. It's best to leave your fuel tanks full if possible. This prevents oxygen which forms rust to build up inside fuel tanks, sometimes causing carburetor problems or filter clogging. Inboard transmissions should be filled to the top with the recommended trans fluid. This prevents the top of the rubber seal from going dry and leaking. Pump out to normal operating level in the spring. Fogging or coating the inboard engine's insides is also important. You must do this at the same time you are antifreezing the block. It is best to have two people for this operation. Start with the antifreeze first. When the antifreeze is observed coming out of the exhaust, at a fast idle pour one-half quart of oil or so down the throat of the carb until it stalls. If you are inexperienced in what you are doing, it's best to leave this to the professional marine people. Plug up your exhaust outlet and duct tape over the throat of the carb to ensure no water or salt air will play havoc with the motor's interior.

I spray the whole motor with a can of rust penetrant, popping the distributor cap for a coating on the springs, weights, arms and points. Wrap the motor in plastic and your motor and transmission are winterized; I/O units should be taken off and serviced and stored.

When covering the vessel, make sure that the tarp, canvas or plastic is held away from gel coated surfaces as much as possible. You may do this either by a make shift wood frame or an aluminum tubing kit that is now on the market. In recent years, I have seen a chemical reaction resulting in staining between some covers and the gel coat topsides of the boat.

With the boating industry growing at a rate of 10 to 15 percent a year, it's advisable to make arrangements for repair work during the winter months. Avoid the spring rush when dealers and repair personnel and the industry in general are at their busiest, and delays are sometimes lengthy. This assures you that your boat will be ready, hopefully for your use, in the spring. A trouble-free fishing and boating season is an absolute pleasure. Take precautions to ensure it.

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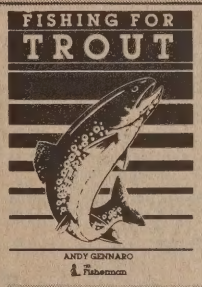


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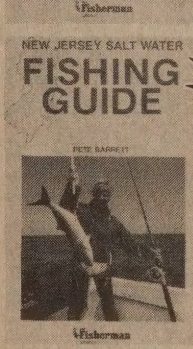


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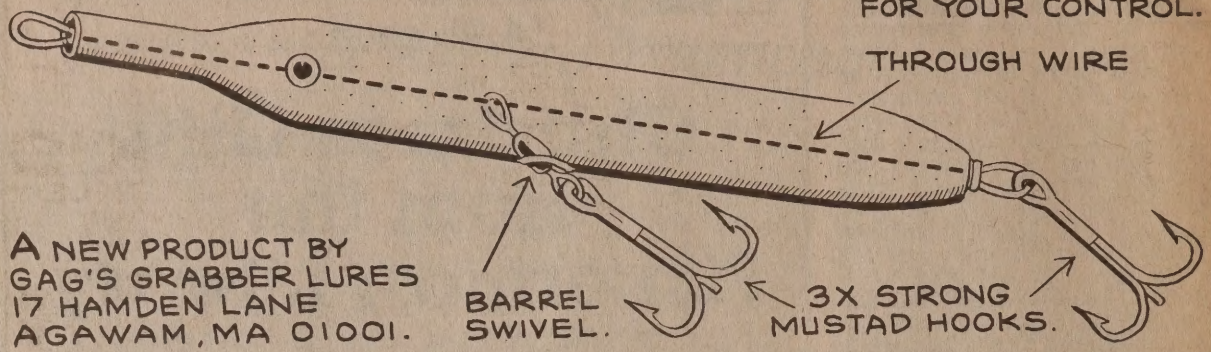


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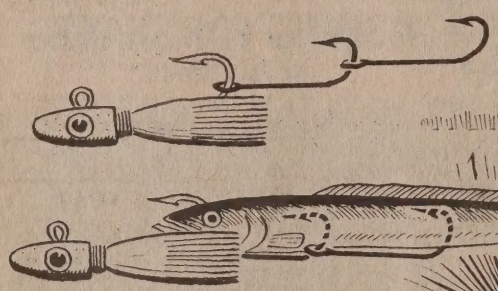

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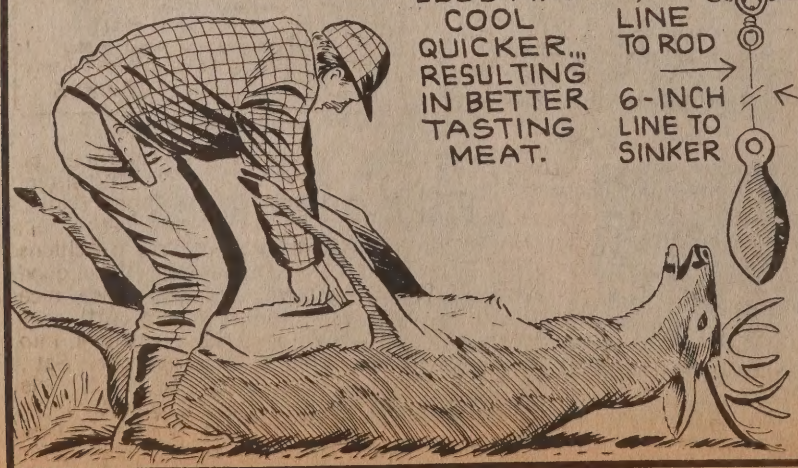

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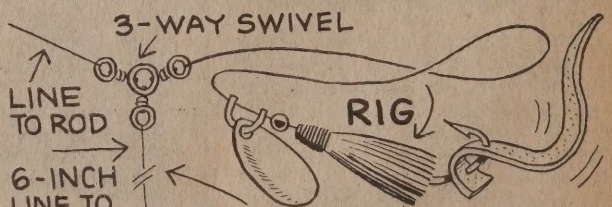


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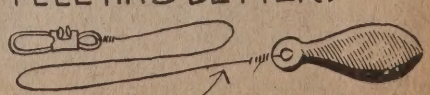

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# East End REPORT

*with Mrs. Lorry Mangan*

Weather conditions allowing, East End anglers will find a wide variety of fish including flounder, blacks, blues, bass and cod. Porgies seem to have headed south. Dogfish have made an appearance, but hopefully, won't hang in long. Weather permitting, anglers should have their hands and freezers full this weekend!

## MONTAUK

Bill Sutorius and his friends, Joe Garofalo, Chuckie Gifford, Frankie, Kevin and George, all of Whitestone, NY, fished on the charter boat **Windy** on Saturday morning using both umbrella rigs and bucktails for bass. The group managed 17 bass, with five of them keepers. Bill's fish weighed 23½ lbs.; Chuckie's 12 lbs., Joe's was 10 lbs.; two others in the 8 lb. ranges were kept. All fishing took place near the Montauk Light; all bass took trolled tubes; bluefish jumped on the bucktails, including an 18 lb. alligator.

At **Captains Cove Marina**, Bill Sutorius played reporter for me, noting a nice catch of blackfish, some in the 9 lb. range, along with sea bass to 4 lbs., caught on a marina based boat that was fishing Southwest Ledge. Joan, speaking for the marina, stated that once the winds calmed a bit, all charter boats were successful on bass. The **Mistress II, Venture, Marie III, My-Mate, Hurry-Up** and **Joy-Sea** all enjoyed good catches of bass, with the ever present blues.

Captain Jay Rigano reported a good fishing trip on Saturday, on the charter boat **Lori-Jay**, berthed at **Star Island Marina**. A group which included Bob Edson and his friends, bucktailed for bass at first light, successfully boating a couple of bass, 28 and 12 lbs., before heading to Southwest Ledge for serious bottom fishing. The group loaded up on big blackfish (45 in all), with several over 10 lbs., the biggest 12¼ lbs. Several large sea bass, the heaviest 6¾ lbs., were put into the fish box. Captain Rigano noted that bluefish in the 12 to 15 lb. range were hampering the catch, by eating every blackfish under 5 lbs., before it could be boated! In fact, Captain Jay noted that the blues were so hungry, they attached and actually ate over 30 sinkers on the way up. Maybe black pinted sinkers are in order!

Captain Mike Albronda reports continued good bass fishing on the charter boat **Montauk** this past week, with many fish just under legal size released, hopefully to return larger next year! A charter for blackfish last Thursday, fishing a spot north of Montauk, with Al Elles and his friends from New Jersey, found the mothe lode of blackfish: 117 blackfish were caught, five of the fish weighed over 10 lbs.—the largest 12½ lbs.! Check ad for charter information.

Call the **Viking Fleet** for information on next week's Georges Bank codfish trip—the last of the season. The trip is scheduled for leave about 9PM Monday night, returning on Wednesday night, with all fishing, day and night, on Georges Banks. Captain Forsberg will return all deposits should weather conditions call off the trip; however, it's a good idea to reserve a spot since nice weather will bring out a crowd!

Locally, the **Starship** has been into a mixed bag of fish, sailing on Sat., Sunday and Monday at 6AM. This past weekend saw terrific action on blackfish, sea bass, porgies, blues and even some cod, fishing Block Island. The past weekend's catch


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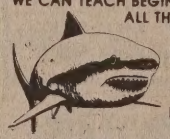

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included 11 cod on Saturday; 40 sea bass from pins to 4½ lbs., hundreds of bluefish in a three hour jigging spree and a fair amount of jumbo porgies. Captain Forsberg stated that every day is a surprise now, but guarantees action. The boat will stock green crabs this weekend for blackfish fans. A load of "grey salmon" (skualus canthias) were also caught this weekend, according to Captain Forsberg.

Captain Michael Potts nearly depleted his supply of bass tags, since the fishing has continued so good! Best day of the week on the **Bluefin IV** was Saturday when the DeMelio group caught over 80 stripers, including 34 over 24 inches and up to 37 lbs. Captain Potts' elaborated that three of the fish weighed in the 20 lb. range, while several were teen size. Catches for the past week included Wednesday, 29 keepers, top weight 15 lbs., and on Thursday, 18 keepers. Friday's trip with the Leonard group from the Stony Brook Yacht Club took 28 keepers out of 60 caught. Bluefish remain a part of every catch! Sunday's trip with the Acres Anglers Fishing Club from Mastic Beach in strong southwest winds made it hard to find clear water; however, eight bass in the 15 to 20 lb. range fell to bucktails, along with a 12 lb. weakfish.

Captain Ron Grandinetti fished a combination black and blue trip with

Tony Lopez on Saturday on the **Julie III**. Seventy-two bluefish from 6 to 18 lbs. along with 20 blackfish from 5½ to 12 lbs. were located at Block Island. On Sunday, fishing with Dominick Feliew in Lake Montauk, because of bad winds, the pair boated 51 flounder from 3/4 to 2 lbs., along with a tommycod. Captain Grandinetti thanks all his customers for a fine 1985 season and wishes all of you a happy holiday season. Bookings can be made now for the 1986 season: the **Julie III** will be sailing in April.

Captain Phil Lewis sailed a few bass trips this week on the **Adios.** Saturday's trip with Brady's Bar of Manhattan was 12 bass caught with several released. All fishing was done around the Point and at Shagwong.

Charlotte, speaking for **Uihlein's Boat Rentals**, lamented the windy weather and unstable conditions for a lack of action at the rental station. However, since there are good reports of blackfish, flounder and bluefish it is felt that one good weekend day will fill the docks with fish. Skiffs will be available through the end of the month.

Captain Bill Ricca of the charter boat **Allyssa Ann** fished local Montauk water with Robert Carlin and his family for blackfish on Saturday. The group boated 73 blackfish, top weight 9½ pounds. Sunday's trip for blacks with Dick Latinski was cut short by fierce high winds after a few were caught.

Tom Jordan, speaking for **Gone Fishing Marina**, reported lots of bluefish in the two to six pound range hanging in at North Rips and outer Shagwong. Good blackfish catches were made during the week at Cerebus Shoals. Rick Reyness, fishing alone on his family boat "Carolyn II" had his hands full, catching twentytwo blackfish from four to nine pounds, in a three hour fishing spree on Saturday. The "fishing crew" from the Marina (Bob, Joe, Rich, George, and Eric) tried Cerebus Shoals on Saturday, returning with fourty blackfish, top weight ten pounds. Flounder fishing remains steady in the Lake, an alternative to fishing outside in inclement weather. No porgy reports this week, according to Tom.

## SOUTH FORK

Captain Artie Lach reports super blackfishing, providing weather and winds cooperate, at the north side of Plum Island, north side of Gull, Indian Grounds (near Little Gull), Fisher's Island, and Mulford Point, with the last two spots particularly hot. Captain Lach emphasised that winds are critical, it's almost impossible to catch well when the boat is swinging. Last Wednesday's trip on the **Wilhelric II**, with Captain Dave Green at the helm, saw a pool blackfish of eleven pounds. Bill Tully of Hampton Bays had twentyfive blackfish, while Jacki Gleason and his four friends caught 89 blacks between them.

Saturday's **Wilhelric II** trip with Captain Clark did very well at Fisher's Island. Sunday's thirty mile per hour southwest winds called for cancellation of the trip that day. Captain Lach wants to thank all those who have helped him while he has been in the hospital, Captains Dave Green, Clark, Richie Jennson, Dave Brennan and George Porter, and has assured us that "Mad Dog Lach" will be back at the "stick" this weekend.

Thom Speckenback feels that flounder action will pick up with nicer weather in Shinnecock and the Sag Harbor areas. Most anglers reporting to **Speck's Bait and Tackle** in **Southampton** have found continued good bluefishing in and around Shinnecock Inlet during the past storms and have reported a few stripers with the blues. Blackfish continue successful at the Shinnecock jetties and at Gardiner's. A hot spot this past week was northeast of Eastern Plains point, where a mix of blackfish, porgies, and bluefish were reported.

John Warden of **Bayview Marine and Tackle** claims that flounder are around, but strong winds have prohibited anglers from fishing the potential hot spots. When winds allow, try for flounder at South Ferry, Sag Harbor Cove, Cedar Point. Best catches have been made in creeks and coves. The fish should move into open water soon. A group fished at the Plum Gut Light House on Saturday, returning with over thirty blackfish in the two to nine pound range. An attempt for bass in Plum Gut resulted


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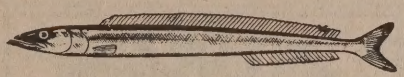

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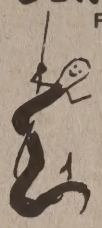

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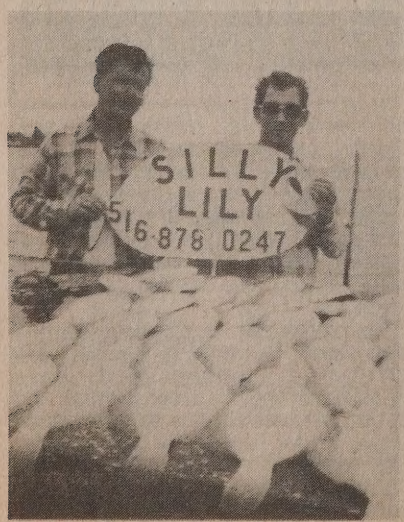
in a few short bass and a nine pound bluefish.

Joe, at **Sherry and Joe Corr's Best Boatworks** in **Southampton** also remarked that bad weather has kept most anglers home, however a surprise catch of two fluke was made at Shinnecock Inlet by a flounder fisherman on Saturday, proving that water is still quite warm. Bluefish in and around the inlet are a sure thing.

Larry Mangarillo of **Corr's Mariner's Cove** in **Hampton Bays** reported that the few anglers trying to flounder fish during the week were hampered by windy conditions, combined with warm bay water, thereby holding down flounder catches. Bluefish, however, are a good standby in and around the inlet. The marina will be renting skiffs at least through Thanksgiving, longer if the weather breaks.




**John Terry and Bob Rose with a nice catch of fall flatties taken at Moriches Bay on October 15th. Photo courtesy of Silly Lily Fishing Station in E. Moriches.**

# South Shore REPORT

*with Fred Golofaro*

Plenty of wind this past week along with the impending hunting season made for a quiet week along the waterfront. Blackfish appear to have abandoned most of their bay haunts but ocean blackfishing has been good when the weather has allowed boats to get on the wrecks and ocean reef. Flounder fishing remains generally fair with some good catches made by boatmen who chum heavily with clam or mussel. This appears to be the case in both Moriches and Great South Bays. Good numbers of blue claw crabs still in the bays and plenty of big bluefish in the teen size class outside both inlets for jiggers and trollers. Here again, weather remains the big factor.

## MORICHES BAY & INLET

Gary Grunseich at **Silly Lily Fishing Station** in **East Moriches** said that most boats have been managing catches of 20 to 40 good sized flatties. Best catches are being made on the flats between Haven's Point and buoy 42 and out in front of the station in Tuthill Cove. The majority of the fish are falling between 1 and 2 pounds and heavy mussel or clam chum is mandatory if you are looking to put away a decent catch of fish. Saturday was a good day for most anglers with Matt, Charlie and John Viol leading the way with a catch of 50 flatties taken at Haven's Point. Sunday was real tough according to Gary as strong west winds created poor fishing conditions. Blue claw crabs are still in good supply in the Buoy 27 area. A reminder that Silly Lily's will remain open at least through the first week of December and possibly longer depending on the weather and the fishing.

## GREAT SOUTH BAY/ FIRE ISLAND INLET

Paul Grainello of **J & J Tackle** in **Patchogue** had a rather unusual report waiting when we called Monday morning. Calvin Fesnick was drifting a live eel in Moriches Inlet Friday night and had his vision of a big bass shattered by what turned out to be an eel that eventually weighed in at 10 pounds even. Of the flounder fishing, Paul reported that a number of customers made the attempt but not a single one reported back. Paul did know from one customer that there are still plenty of crabs in Moriches Bay near Buoy 27.

Over at **J & R Sports Center** in **Oakdale**, Dave Canale reported a quiet weekend with few anglers checking in with the results of their efforts. Fishing activity has really slowed in recent weeks though there was plenty of interest on the freshwater side (see Freshwater Report). The only flounder score that Dave saw this week was made on Thursday by a Mr. Mazdrowie and Frank Vzezinski. The pair put away 3 dozen flatties fishing somewhere in the vicinity of the Lighthouse.

Carl Miller of **Smokey's Tackle Shop** in **Bay Shore** filed a similar report concerning the lack of angler interest. He reported just a few guys out on the weekend. One customer tried Kismet Reef on both Saturday and Sunday and managed to go both days without even a bite. Carl thought the blackfishing inside the bay is about finished but added that the ocean fishing should improve considerably now that the fish have mov-

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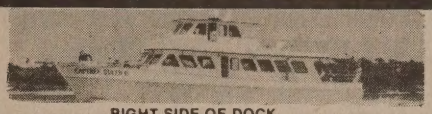

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ed outside. He labeled flounder fishing as a slow to fair pick and named the flats opposite Good Samaratin Hospital as well as the State Channel as having produced a couple of the better catches. There was good action with big blues along the beach and out to 60' of water on Saturday. Choppers into the high teens were both jigged and trolled by boatmen. A reminder from Carl that Smokey's is now closed for the season and that you can still get your tackle and gift needs filled by visiting their Lindenhurst Bait and Tackle Shop which will remain open until January.

Over at **Captree**, Capt. Richie Leitch of the open boat **Capt. Leitch IV** reported a definite improvement in the flounder action with a fair number of fish spread throughout the bay. He spoke of good catches made at Heckscher as well as on the Bay Shore and Babylon flats. He also reminded that unlike the spring fishing, fall floundering can vary tremendously from day to day yet some very good fishing can be had under the right conditions. Wednesday was the best day of a week full of wind. Nine fares accounted for over 150 nice flatties. Hi-hook was Dr. Sam Switkes of Southside Hospital with 30 nice flatties. The largest flattie of the week was an impressive 2 pound 15 ounce fish taken by Mary May of Floral Park. Richie said that when conditions are right, most fares average 10 to 12 keepers apiece. Sunday was tough picking due to strong west winds.

Capt. George Tweedy of the **Capt. Scotty 3** reported some great fall run bluefish action on both Friday and Saturday with many fish in the 16 to 18 pound class. A few sea bass as well as 1 cod were taken each day as well. The skipper has been working several offshore wrecks.

Capt. Gordon Roman of the open boat **Captree Queen II** reported that after slow fishing on Thursday and Friday the wreck action rebounded on Saturday with excellent catches of blackfish as well as the first showing of nice size cod. Most of the blackfish ranged between 2 and 6 pounds while the cod catch consisted of 2 in the 20 pound class as well as a 12 pounder. Hi-hook for the day was Bob Gunst of Bohemia with a mixed bag of 25 sea bass and blackfish and 2 cod. Gordon said that he will continue blackfishing through Friday afterwhich he will shift to cod. He will be sailing 5AM on weekends and 6AM on weekdays.

Capt. Charlie Kennedy of the **Captree** open boat **Capt. Joseph II** reported that he will remain on the blackfish run through Thanksgiving Day. He will then be sailing for cod daily. While Sunday's wreck fishing was wiped out by strong winds which forced the skipper to fish inside the bay with poor results, Saturday was very good with plenty of big blackfish taken on the Fire Island Ocean Reef. Bob Pace put away 31 tog including 6 in the 6-7 pound range. Dave and Ron Rogers totaled 38 blacks to 7 pounds while Warren Moore had an 8.7 pound pool winner. Charlie added that average fish ranged between 2 and 5 pounds and that green crabs seemed to get the most action. The skipper expects the next two weeks to produce some excellent blackfishing providing the weatherman cooperates.

Over at **Captree Bait Station** Noel Kappauf reported that blackfish action has faded inside the bay but noted that there were some very good scores made on the Ocean Reef on Saturday. He also spoke of some improved flounder action in the bay on the Bay Shore and Babylon flats and on the Heckscher Park grounds as well as points east. Just a few flounder being taken from the piers inside the Robert Moses Boat Basin and at the Jones Beach Fishing Piers. Noel did weigh in an 18.3 pound bluefish taken by Robert Hurd aboard the Capt. Scotty 3 on Friday.

Speaking from **Augie's Tackle Shop** in **Babylon** Bruce Morabito reported that flounder are now the best bet in the bay as blackfish appear to have made their move outside. On Thursday, Jack Uhland and Gaspar Garaputo put away 25 flatties to 1½ pounds fishing the flats opposite Good Samaratin Hospital in West Islip. They used bloodworms and clam chum. Plenty of crabs still in the pocket east of the Sore Thumb and Saturday saw good numbers of big bluefish trolled and jigged outside the inlet. One boatman used Rebels and wire line and put away a mess of blues to 13 pounds trolling 2 miles south of the R.M. Tower.

Over at **Lindenhurst Bait and Tackle** Mike Andreani spoke of a catch of 10 nice flatties up to 2.5 pounds taken in just 2 hours by a shop customer on Saturday morning. He told Mike that he fished the east/west channel off of Lindenhurst. Another customer has been averaging 30 nice flatties per trip on the Bay Shore flats. Key to his success has been heavy clam and mussel chum according to Mike. Still some blackfish taken during the week but activity is definitely on the slide. Fri-

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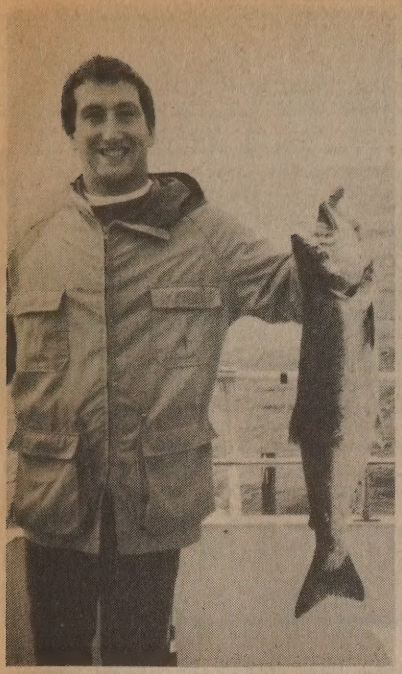

**John Gatto of Massapequa caught this 12 lb. coho salmon during a visit to Washington State. Subscriber photo.**

day and Saturday saw good numbers of big blues trolled outside the inlet.

Chester Shew over at **Z Crab Tackle** in **Copiague** spoke of some fair flounder action in the East/West Channel and particularly at Massapequa Cove. Blackfishing has slipped inside the bay with some fish still being picked at the bridges. Rumors of a few big weakfish continue to filter in. Live bunker near the Wantagh Bridges seems to be doing the trick. Big blues are outside the inlet for trollers and jiggers when the weather allows boatmen to get out.

From **Bob's Bait and Tackle** in **Amity Harbor**, Bob Vitale reported a catch of 2 dozen flatties made off of Good Samaratin Hospital on Saturday by Fred Walters on his 'Reel Affair'. He reported poor flounder action in Sunday's strong winds. Still good numbers of crabs in the bay, blues a short distance outside the inlet and a few blacks still at the bridges.

Frank Pristera of **Edelman's** in **Farmingdale** reported a 35 pound striper for Charles DePolo aboard the Marine Mate on Saturday morning. Charles was drifting a live bunker in the Fire Island Inlet. Frank knew of some decent flounder scores made over the weekend at Strong's Point, Copiague. He also relayed word of some blackfish still being taken at the Robert Moses Bridge. A reminder for fishermen/hunters that Edelman's is open 7 days a week for those looking for their hunting licenses. Deer season opens the 18th of the month. Hunters should also be interested to know that Joe DeFalco will be at the store on November 16th from 11-3 PM to answer all of your deer hunting questions.


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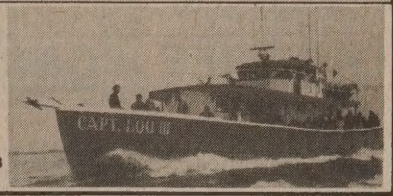


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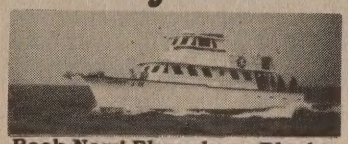

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# West End REPORT
*with Stu Miller*

All in all, on the days when boats could get out, the bluefishing has continued to be dynamite with nearly all large fish from 13 to 22 lbs. Gorillas are being jigged, baited and umbrellaed with two notable hotspots being Cholera and 17 Fathoms. These big blues should be around for quite awhile since the water is a long way from chilling down. Flounder action was punk this week, with most catches on the picky side, but enough fish to enable an angler to know he was flounder fishing. No news from offshore was obtainable this week.

## WEST END BAYS/ JONE'S INLET

We learned from Marie at **Wanser's Tackle** in Seaford that their customers found the flounder action on the upswing this week with best action at Massapequa Cove, Squaw Island and in the holes to the entrance of Zachs Bay. Fish averaged 3/4 lbs. and have been responding best to blood worms and clam chum.

From **Causeway Tackle** in Wantagh comes word that the flattie action was only fair this week but that blackfish catches were good on fiddlers at all the bridges. Fish have been in good numbers, running from smalls to mediums. Bluefishing action has been excellent with Cholera being outstanding, all teen fish.

Word from **Garon's Tackle** in Merrick, just west of Meadowbrook Parkway on Sunrise told of picky to

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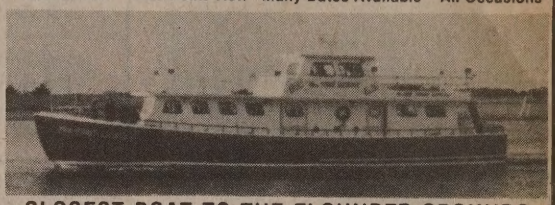

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fair flounder catches for their customers this week with bloodworms working best in scattered spots behind Merrick and Freeport, especially in the deeps off the Coast Guard station. Blackfish have been decent at the bridges on fiddlers and there are plenty of doggies at the stone barge.

Sailing out of Freeport, the **Starstream II** sailed in Sunday's rough seas and blustery winds with 15 fares bailing jumbo blues until arm weary. The skipper said the blues will be with us into December. Some doggies moving in. Blues have been running 8 to 15 lbs. on diamonds or bait and some ling are showing in the coolinjg water.

East End reporter Lorry Mangan joined a group from the Atlantis Anglers Fishing Club for some furious Cholera Banks bluefishing on Saturday. Fishing on the "Judy II" with Howie and Judy Sternberg and club president Allan Rosenthall, the group chummed and baited 23 big bluefish, all between 12 and 17½ lbs. An equal amount of smaller blues were caught and returned. Other club boats, including Just Dear, Fulton's Folly, Fran-Zee and High Seas, enjoyed equal bluefish success. A couple of spiny dogfish per boat were a by-catch. Baits included butterfish, herring and bunker, with all working equally well.

Over in Pt. Lookout, the **Miss Point Lookout** told of a generally poor showing of flounder this week. Highlights were Friday's 1¾ lb. pool fish for Sal Triolo, Wednesday's 1½ lb. pool fish for Phyllis, a regular and Sunday's 2 lb. pool fish in the AM for regular Bill. Pool winner on the PM trip was a 2 lb. 13 oz. flattie. The skipper said he expected the flounder action to become a lot better once the water cools down and settles down.

We hear from Capt. Al Lindroth of the **Captain Al** of Saturday's very good catch of sea bass and bluefish followed by a true mohawking of the blues on Sunday. However, due to popular demand, the skipper is beginning his codfishing trips this Friday and will be sailing daily at 5AM for bacala.

We learn from Tom at **Scotty's Fishing Station** we learn that bluefishing has been excellent off the beaches for boats trolling in 40 to 45 feet of water. Cholera has also been hot for blues on jigs or bait. The fish off the beaches have been hugging the bottom and trollers have been catching them right there. On the inside, a mixed bag of flounder, sea bass and blackfish have been taken north and west of the Loop Parkway bridge and middle bay flats on worm, clam and clam chum. Tom said the inside action has not been hot but has been satisfactory.

Over at **Beckmann's Tackle** in Lynbrook, Charlie tells of good blackfishing under most of the bridges in the area, with a lot of smaller blacks showing now and also slowing down a bit. Flounder have been a slow item this week. As testimony to the super out east blackfishing, Charlie told of brother Bill Beckmann and his son and friend who sailed on Capt. George Porter's open boat **Brand X** Thursday. They loaded up on big blackfish as did everyone else on the boat to the tune of 30 to 40 fish a man. The Jr. Beckmann socked it to an 11 lber. and still lost the pool. Charlie said there were a lot of 8 to 11 lb. fish taken.

**Bobby Rosenberger with a 13 lb. 12 oz. tiderunner weak taken on a bunker chunk from the north shore surf. Photo courtesy of Rocky Point Fishing Stop.**

## NEW YORK BIGHT

The word from **C ross Bay Bait and Tackle** on Jamaica Bay is that both north and south channel bridges are providing anglers with fair catches of mixed flounder and blackfish, with sizes varying throughout the tide. Worms have been best for the flounder and fiddlers for blackfish.

To the west in Sheepshead Bay, we hear from Capt. Al Coley of the **Betty W. III** who tells of excellent bluefishing on every trip this week. All fish have been 8 to 20 lbs. on bait or jigs with 17 Fathoms the honey hole.

According to Wee Willie at **Mike's Tackle** across from the fleet, bluefishing at Farms and 17 has been hot. Tom Scarlato bagged a 21 lb. 12 oz. blue on a herring bait fishing aboard the Brooklyn. Blackfishing has slowed up said Willie with water temperature the most likely culprit. Stripers being taken off the Rockaway jetties and the Brooklyn bulkheads along with the Brighton Beach rocks.

# North Shore REPORT
## with Marty Garrell

Fishing between the winds of November could be quite good, but this was a week when one had to pick the right days. Water temperatures dropped a degree or so, but bluefish continued to hang on and blackfish were spreading into deeper waters. The eastern Sound was 56 degrees F. and flounder fishing was still in the wings for most bottom anglers. Tautog dominated the reports.

## WESTERN SOUND

Larry Ricci at **John's Gun and Tackle** in New Rochelle reported a slow week due to the weather. Deer hunting stories made better conversation than fishing stories. John DiCuffa at **Jack's Bait and Tackle** on City Island had a busy weekend, however. A catch of 20 bluefish between 12 and 18 lbs. was reported off Execution Rock and tautog fishing was still very good.

John Cacciola at the **Glen Cove Sport Shop** like the local action on bluefish and striped bass. Artie Miller had a 16.2 linesider on Saturday, and umbrella trollers were taking a lot of small bluefish to 6 lbs. in the Peacock Point area where sand eels were still stacked up.

The charter boat **Caprice**, usually based in Montauk, will be based in Glen Cove until the end of the season. Captain Bob Storc reports successful bass fishing beginning midweek. A charter on Thursday with John Sciara and his friends found 41 bass to 8 lbs., while Bill Stine and his friends on Saturday caught 33 bass to 7 lbs. Although most fish were just under 23 inches, the groups managed to catch enough keepers to meet their limit both days. Captain Storc is fishing areas between Glen Cove and Eatons Neck, finding best action at first light until about 10AM. Diamond jigs, bucktails and trolling umbrella rigs were among methods used. Tons of blues moved into the area on Saturday.

Reports from the **Klondike VIII** indicated a pick up in the blackfish action with the southerly flow of air over the weekend. The **Apache** out of City Island had a good week off Mamaroneck and Norwalk; the deep water areas that Dom Cerbone really likes began to pay off on Sunday. The boat had its best action in 40 to 75 feet of water with a pool winning 11 lber. Several large porgies were taken on fiddler crabs, and bergall interference


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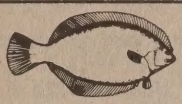

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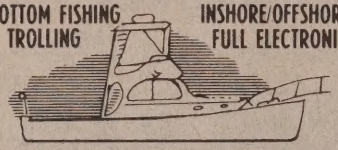
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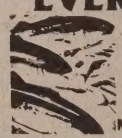
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# NORTH SHORE MID-ISLAND

George Valentine at **Four Winds** reported some good sized schools of small bluefish around Lloyds on top on Sunday, Billy Collins of the **Ever Ready** even had second thoughts about the problem of switching from bluefish to tautog according to seasonal demand. There were a few larger slammers to 13 lbs. mixed with the small blues in the Triangle, too. A number of keeper bass to 11 lbs. were reported among the shorts, and tautog angling was still great when you could get to the fish around buoys 11B, 24C and 32A. Outgoing water was most productive on Thursday and Friday. The best fish weighed at the shop last week by the bottom fishermen was Lou Tinto's 7-10 tautog, but Valentine explained that an 11-8 was weighed at the Lilco ramp.

Bob Cedar at **Huntington Prop** felt that the week had been pretty quiet. He agreed that there were some good catches of 20 to 30 tautog 1,000 feet from the light at Eatons with spotty action around buoy 11b, if and only if you found the right bottom. Paul Laddin on the **Challey** had a 10 lb. bulldog and Maryjean McElroy took a 9 lb. bluefish on a diamond jig near the OB. Small flounder in the 1/2 lb. class were showing in Lloyds Harbor.

Tom Bowman at **Bowman's** in Northport had 16 cocktail blues himself in a catch on Thursday afternoon and said that the large fish were few and far between. Bass were mostly shorts, and there was even a pick of porgies last week around the OB.

The **Complete Angler** in Miller Place advised that tautog action was still quite good inshore and **Ralph's** in Mount Sinai had a couple of boats out on the Middle Grounds and off the Shoreham Pipe on Saturday with excellent results. A pair of 10 lbers. hit the scales. One good catch of 45 flounder was reported on outgoing water at the entrance to Mount Sinai Harbor.

# NORTH FORK

George at **Warren's** in **Aquebogue** suggested the creeks of the Peconics are not yet ready for flounder with the waters so warm.

Jim Dunkirk at the **Port of Egypt** in **Southold** said that the Orient light house was getting better all the time for blackfish and that there were a few ten pound blackfish in bags from Plum and Gull Islands. Petty's Bight flounder are not yet ready, and one mediocre flatfish report came from Pipes Cove as well.

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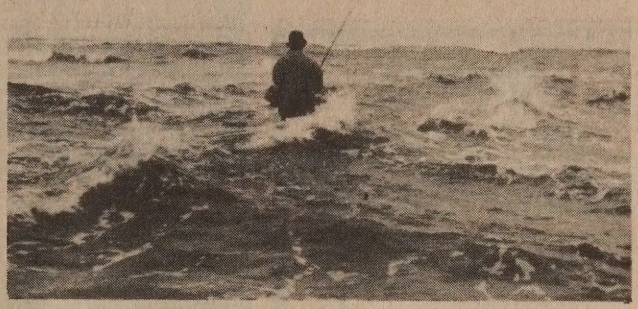

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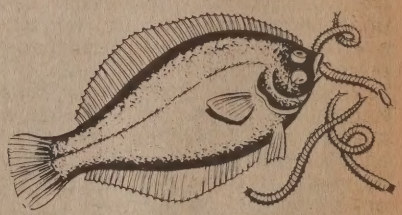
**Shop** was seeing a lot of small bass in reports from the east, but bluefish were still solid in the Gut. Windy weather has spoiled the flounder thus far on the Sound side of Orient.

Richie Jensen of the **Nancy Ann** had his best day of the year on bass on Friday with a haul of twentyone keepers out of sixty fish. All were taken on umbrellas and the largest weighed twelve pounds. Catches were in water where slow tides made bucktailing ineffective and depths were just not enough to set up with diamond jigs. A vicious blow sent Jensen back to the dock on Sunday, but Dan Buckley of the **Nancy Ann II** persisted with the open boat and had a pretty good day, all things considered, off Mulford and Plum.

Saturday was a very good day for the **Brand X** and the **Peconic Star** out of **Greenport**. Carlton Mallory took the former pool with a huge 11.12 tautog, and the latter pool was won with an 11.13. High hook was an amazing twentythree fish. Both Dave Brennan and Larry Porter feel that the fish are now spreading into other areas with more fishing possibilities, with more of the flood tide to work with, the Fisher's Island area should be quite good late in the week. Incidentally, the high hook Friday on the **Peconic Star** was none other than Carol Jaspers of the Lady Reelers.



# Surf REPORT
## *with Fred Golofaro*

While several days of east winds combined with a big heave and a powerful sweep wiped out surf fishing through much of the week, the end of the week did see Montauk come alive with cow stripers. There were also flurries of bluefish and school bass action on some south shore beaches and good numbers of school bass along the north shore.

The long awaited arrival of big stripers in the Montauk surf made it a banner weekend for casters lucky enough to be on the scene. Friday night was far and away the best showing of fish as any number of anglers scored with stripers ranging from 20 pounds to well up into the 40 pound class. According to Johnny Kronuch of **Johnny's Tackle Shop** in **Montauk**,

Saturday morning saw a steady parade of big stripers being marched to the scales. Most of the better action occured between Clark's Cove and False Bar but other fish were taken as far around the Point as Brown's as well as on distant rocks fishable to wetsuiters only. Thursday night may have been a clue to what was coming. Joey Bragan, Sr. and Al Hammer returned from Weakfish Rock with stripers of 40 and and 42½ pounds respectively. Joey also reported releasing a couple of stripers in the 20 pound class. On Friday night, many casters shared in the action. Needlefish plugs, particularly green, did the most damage. There is always an exception to the rule and hard fishing Steve Bunai proved it by taking a 46 pound 14 ounce cow on a yellow bottle plug from beneath the Lighthouse. Other successful casters included Dan Sergi with bass of 21 and 32 pounds, Ron Woods—46.3 and 20 pounds, Denny O'Connel—35, 23, 22 and 17 pounds, Frank McCann—28.2 and 26.4 pounds and Jim Gregory—21.8 pounds. Far and away the most impressive score was made by John 'The Englishman' Skidmore who put away cows of 44, 41.10, 36.6, 28.2 along with 8 others in the high teens to low 20 pound class. John used green Musso Superstrike Needlefish. Saturday's action dropped considerably with smaller fish dominating the action. Ted Rosania did manage to put a 33½ pound cow on the scale at Johnny's.

Striper Surf Club PR man Mike Kaland relayed word that fellow member Leif Gobel took bass of 22 and 16 pounds at the Point Friday night and reported releasing several other fish.

The sand beaches behind Town and also at Ditch Plains were producing lots of short bass with an occasional fish over the 24 inch minimum size limit Monday morning just prior to our going to press. Blues in the 8 to 10 pound class were mixed with the small stripers.

Capt. Mike Albrónda who is more at home behind the wheel of his Montauk based charter boat **Montauk** got his first taste of surf fishing a week ago Monday when he joined Capt. Mike Virgessy of the 'Lazy Bones' for a session in the suds. The pair used Sekora Nordic Eels and finished up with 23 stripers including many keepers. Action took place on the Point's south side beaches.

Over at **J & J Tackle** in **Patchogue**, Paul Graniello reported that casters had quite a few big blues at Smith Point just west of the inlet on Saturday and Sunday. Bait accounted for nearly all of the action according to Paul. John McIntyre used a jig and tube combo to nail his first bass ever. Fishing in front of the Smith Point Pavillion on Saturday, John beached a 25", 6 pound striper. On Sunday Mike Keifert returned from Westhampton Beach to weigh a 20 pound striper. There was a flurry of action with blues from 6 to 15 pounds and school bass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**Matthew Tacchi, nine years old, shows the 7 lb. blue and 8 lb. striper he beached in the Montauk surf this fall. It was the New Hyde Park youngster's first attempt at surf fishing. Subscriber photo.**

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at Robert Moses parking field 4 Saturday morning. Among the many casters who got in on the action was Aaron Kay of Lindenhurst who weighed blues of 17.5 and 14 pounds at **Captree Bait and Tackle**.

Ten year old Jodie Lee Reed was introduced to surf fishing in a big way by her dad John 'The Baptist' on Thursday. The young lady, fishing bait in the Cedar Beach surf, put away 3 big blues up to 17 pounds according to Mike Andreani of **Lindenhurst Bait and Tackle**. Mike added that bait fishermen continue to pick away on big blues at the Cedar Bar.

George Cook, speaking from **Causeway Bait and Tackle** in **Wantagh** reported that Dave DeTurris scored with several big blues and school bass from the West End 2 jetty on Thursday. A Smokey Joe Redfin accounted for the action. George added that a 35 pound striper was taken on a tin at West End 2 on Sunday by an anonymous caster. Rich Erhartic checked in a 10 pound blue taken on a bunker chunk at J.B. Parking Field 6 this Monday morning. George himself had been on the beach prior to my calling and reported about a dozen big blues and a similar number of school bass picked from the West End 2 jetty that morning.

Up on the north shore Tom Angello and Larry Bacon put away 10 blues to 6 pounds and had 7 short bass as well according to a report from **Greenlawn Sport Shop**. The fish were taken on Kastmasters and Needlefish plugs.

Stan Hentschel at **Rocky Point Fishing Stop** reported lots of small bluefish with an occasional big chopper along local beaches. A good run of

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# High Tide Tables

**How to use tide tables:** To compute the high tide for the area you wish to fish, simply find the closest area on the conversion table. Add or subtract the hours and minutes as indicated from that area station above. Example: Shinnecock Inlet . . . —0 50 is listed under "On SANDY HOOK." —0 50 means you subtract 50 minutes from the times given for the SANDY HOOK STATION for the day you are going fishing. This is the approximate time for the high tide in the area. For low tide, add 6½ hours to this figure.

| DAY | SANDY HOOK AM | SANDY HOOK PM | BREAKWATER HARBOR AM | BREAKWATER HARBOR PM | NEW YORK AM | NEW YORK PM | NEW LONDON AM | NEW LONDON PM | WILLETS POINT AM | WILLETS POINT PM | BRIDGEPORT AM | BRIDGEPORT PM | NEWPORT AM | NEWPORT PM | DATE |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| THURS. | 8:40 | 9:05 | 9:30 | 9:55 | 9:15 | 9:50 | 10:05 | 10:45 | — | 12:00 | — | 12:00 | 8:35 | 9:05 | 11/14 |
| FRI. | 9:35 | 10:05 | 10:20 | 10:50 | 10:10 | 10:50 | 11:00 | 11:40 | 12:45 | 12:55 | 12:35 | 12:50 | 9:30 | 9:55 | 11/15 |
| SAT. | 10:30 | 11:05 | 11:15 | 11:50 | 11:10 | 11:50 | 11:55 | — | 1:45 | 1:50 | 1:30 | 1:50 | 10:25 | 10:55 | 11/16 |
| SUN. | 11:25 | — | — | 12:15 | — | 12:10 | 12:40 | 12:55 | 2:55 | 3:00 | 2:30 | 2:50 | 11:25 | 11:55 | 11/17 |
| MON. | 12:05 | 12:25 | 12:50 | 1:15 | 12:55 | 11:10 | 1:50 | 2:05 | 4:10 | 4:30 | 3:35 | 3:55 | — | 12:25 | 11/18 |
| TUES. | 1:05 | 1:25 | 2:00 | 2:20 | 1:50 | 2:10 | 2:55 | 3:15 | 5:20 | 5:50 | 4:35 | 5:00 | 12:55 | 1:25 | 11/19 |
| WED. | 2:05 | 2:25 | 3:10 | 3:25 | 2:50 | 3:05 | 4:05 | 4:25 | 6:25 | 6:50 | 5:40 | 6:05 | 2:00 | 2:25 | 11/20 |
| THURS. | 3:05 | 3:25 | 4:10 | 4:25 | 3:50 | 4:05 | 5:05 | 5:25 | 7:20 | 7:45 | 6:40 | 7:05 | 2:55 | 3:20 | 11/21 |

## On Sandy Hook

| | |
|---|---|
| STATEN ISLAND | +0 27 |
| ATLANTIC HIGHLANDS | —0 01 |
| Red Bank, Navesink River | +1 48 |
| Long Branch | —0 34 |
| SHARK RIVER INLET | —0 18 |
| Shark River Basin | +0 27 |
| MANASQUAN INLET | —0 12 |
| Seaside Park | —0 33 |
| Mantoloking bridge | +5 34 |
| TOMS RIVER | +4 37 |
| Waretown | +2 33 |
| BARNEGAT LIGHT | —0 20 |
| Manahawkin Bridge | +2 33 |
| Beach Haven | +1 47 |
| LITTLE EGG INLET | —0 01 |
| Seven Islands | +0 12 |
| Graveling Point | +1 05 |
| Mullica River | +1 55 |
| Grassy Bay | +1 08 |
| ABSECON INLET | +0 14 |
| Atlantic City Pier | —0 26 |
| Great Egg Harbor Inlet | +0 12 |
| GREAT EGG HARBOR | +0 44 |
| CORSON INLET | +0 09 |
| TOWNSENDS INLET | +0 06 |
| HEREFORD INLET | +0 02 |
| Grassy Sound Bridge | +0 45 |
| Cape May Harbor | —0 02 |
| Rehobeth Beach | —0 07 |
| INDIAN RIVER INLET | +0 41 |
| SHINNECOCK INLET | —0 50 |
| Shinnecock Bay | +1 25 |
| East Quogue | +2 45 |
| Shinnecock Canal | +1 18 |
| Indian Reservation | +3 05 |
| MORICHES INLET | —0 56 |
| Smith's Point | +3 28 |
| Hart's Cove | +1 30 |
| Pontunk Point | +3 35 |
| Mastic Beach | +3 28 |
| FIRE ISLAND INLET | —0 38 |
| Democrat Point | —0 38 |
| Coast Guard Station | —0 19 |
| Fire Island Light | +0 47 |
| GREAT SOUTH BAY | |
| Sayville (Brown Creek) | +3 39 |
| Heckscher State Park | +3 20 |
| Bay Shore | +2 23 |
| Babylon | +2 12 |
| Amityville | +2 21 |
| JONES INLET | —0 19 |
| Zachs Bay | +1 25 |
| Seaford Harbor | +2 05 |
| Freeport Creek | +0 34 |
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| ROCKAWAY INLET | 0 00 |
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## On Bridgeport

| | |
|---|---|
| Lloyd Point | +0 08 |
| Cold Spring Harbor | +0 08 |
| Bayville Bridge | +0 13 |
| Eatons Neck Point | +0 03 |
| Northport Bay | +0 03 |
| Norwalk Islands | +0 10 |
| Smithtown Bay | +0 08 |
| Cranes Neck Point | +0 05 |
| Port Jefferson Hbr. entrance | +0 03 |
| New Haven Harbor | +0 08 |
| Mount Sinai Harbor | +0 05 |
| Herod Point | —0 07 |
| Mattituck Inlet | +0 05 |
| Horton Point | —0 20 |
| Truman Beach | —0 42 |
| Falkner Island | —0 13 |
| Sachem Head | —0 10 |
| Branford Harbor | —0 07 |
| New Haven Harbor entrance | —0 08 |
| Milford Harbor | —0 07 |
| Stratford, Housatonic River | +0 27 |
| Shelton, Housatonic River | +1 36 |
| Black Rock Harbor entrance | —0 03 |
| Saugatuck River entrance | —0 01 |
| South Norwalk | +0 10 |
| Greens Ledge | —0 01 |
| Stamford | +0 04 |
| Cos Cob Harbor | +0 06 |
| Greenwich | +0 02 |

## On New London

| | |
|---|---|
| Orient | +0 36 |
| Little Gull Is. (Race) | +0 12 |
| Greenport | +1 04 |
| Southold | +1 43 |
| New Suffolk | +2 26 |
| South Jamesport | +2 32 |
| Shinnecock Canal | +2 33 |
| Noyack Bay | +2 05 |
| Sag Harbor | +0 59 |
| Three Mi. Hbr., Gardiners Bay | +0 21 |
| Promised Land, Napeague Bay | —0 14 |
| Montauk Inlet | —0 25 |
| Montauk Point, north side | —1 13 |
| Niantic | +1 20 |
| Stonington, Fishers Is. Sound | —0 33 |
| Noank, Mystic River ent. | —0 23 |
| THAMES RIVER | |
| Smith Cove entrance | —0 01 |
| Norwich | +0 12 |
| CONNECTICUT RIVER | |
| Saybrook Jetty | +1 10 |
| Lyme, highway bridge | +1 24 |
| Essex | +1 38 |
| East Haddam | +2 41 |
| Higganum Creek | +2 54 |

## On Willets Point

| | |
|---|---|
| Little Neck Bay | —0 10 |
| Execution Light | 0 06 |
| Manhasset Bay | —0 01 |
| Hempstead Harbor | —0 11 |
| City Island | —0 03 |
| Rye Beach | —0 28 |
| Port Chester | —0 09 |
| Mamaroneck | —0 08 |
| New Rochelle | —0 24 |
| Davids Island | —0 02 |

## On Breakwater Harbor

| | |
|---|---|
| CAPE MAY POINT | —0 10 |
| Miami Beach | +0 17 |
| East Pt., Maurice River Cove | +0 53 |
| Egg Island Point | +0 33 |
| Cape Henlopen | —0 05 |
| ROOSEVELT INLET | +0 09 |
| Mispillion River entrance | +0 33 |

## On New York

| | |
|---|---|
| Jersey City | +0 07 |
| George Washington Bridge | +0 46 |
| Spuyten Duyvil, W/RR bridge | +0 58 |
| Ossining | +1 53 |
| Peekskill | +2 24 |
| West Point | +3 16 |
| Newburgh | +3 42 |

## On Newport

| | |
|---|---|
| Sakonnet | —1 10 |
| Tiverton (between bridges) | +0 21 |
| Beavertail Point | —0 02 |
| Prudence Is., Sandy Point | +1 10 |
| Bristol | +1 10 |
| Warren | +0 21 |
| Nayatt Point | +0 12 |
| Pawtucket, Seekonk River | +0 21 |
| East Greenwich | +0 16 |
| Wickford | +0 12 |
| Narragansett Pier | —0 08 |
| Point Judith Hbr. of Refuge | —0 07 |
| BLOCK ISLAND | |
| Great Salt Pond | +0 05 |
| Block Island (Old Harbor) | —0 14 |
| Watch Hill Point | +0 44 |

## Sunrise/Sunset

| DAY / DATE: | RISE: | SET: |
|---|---|---|
| THU. 11/14 | 6:49 | 4:41 |
| FRI. 11/15 | 6:50 | 4:40 |
| SAT. 11/16 | 6:51 | 4:39 |
| SUN. 11/17 | 6:52 | 4:38 |
| MON. 11/18 | 6:53 | 4:37 |
| TUE. 11/19 | 6:54 | 4:36 |
| WED. 11/20 | 6:55 | 4:35 |

## Moonrise/Moonset

| DAY / DATE: | RISE: | SET: |
|---|---|---|
| THU. 11/14 | 9:21AM | 6:15PM |
| FRI. 11/15 | 10:32AM | 7:17PM |
| SAT. 11/16 | 11:30AM | 8:27PM |
| SUN. 11/17 | 12:15PM | 9:39PM |
| MON. 11/18 | 12:51PM | 10:49PM |
| TUE. 11/19 | 1:19PM | 11:56PM |
| WED. 11/20 | 1:42PM | — |

## Moon Phases

| NEW | 1st Qtr. | FULL | Last Qtr. |
|---|---|---|---|
| 11/12 | 11/19 | 11/27 | 12/5 |

## The Original Knight SOLUNAR TABLES

The schedule of solunar periods below will help plan your day so that you will be fishing good areas during the time when the fish should be most active. The tables are not a guarantee you will catch fish, however.

The major periods begin at the time shown and last for 1½ to 2 hours thereafter, and are in the bold typeface. The minor periods are shorter in duration and the lighter typeface.

| | AM | | PM | |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| | Minor | Major | Minor | Major |
| Thurs. | 5:55 | — | 6:35 | 12:20 |
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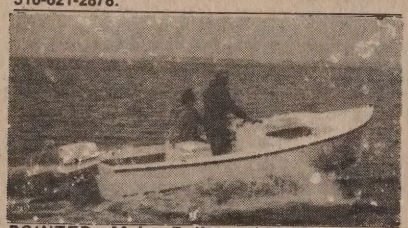

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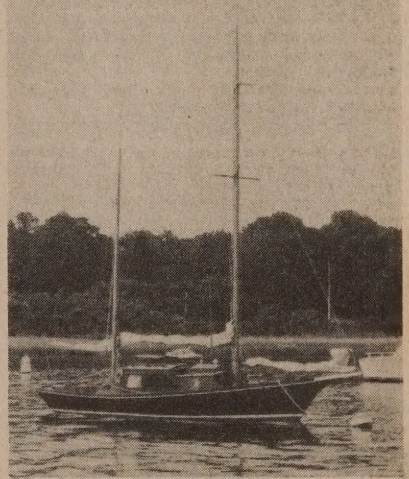

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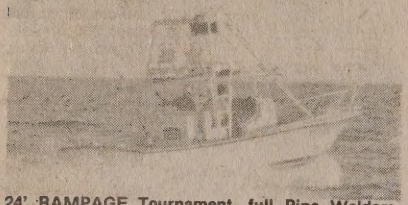

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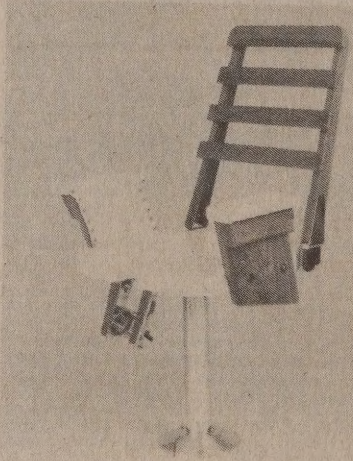

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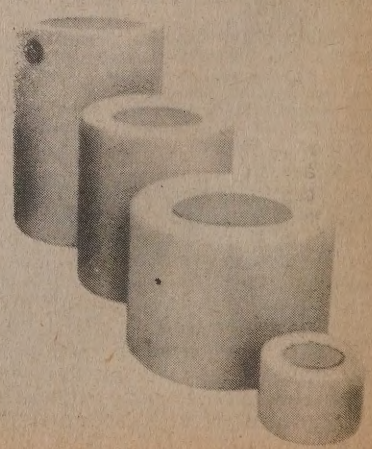

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bass from shorts up into the low teens along the beaches as well on 6" Bombers in pearl or blue finishes. When tough wind conditions exist, casters have been reverting to bottle plugs, or 1¾ ounce Needlefish plugs.

Out on the north fork, a report from **Warren's Tackle Shop** in **Aquebogue** said that poppers, Kastmasters and Redfins are accounting for quite a few blues in the 3 to 7 pound range.

# Freshwater REPORT
## *with Tom Schlichter*

Despite brisk winds, largemouth bass seemed to come alive again this week and pickerel action continued good. Fishing on the lee side of most lakes and in water depths of four to six feet seems to be the key. White perch are growing in numbers in the tidal creeks and their landlocked cousins, yellow perch, continue to feed in most lakes and ponds. Trout fishing continues to please but carp are begining to slump.

Bill Beckman, of **Beckman's Bait and Tackle** in **Lynbrook**, told us that the bass and pickerel fishing in Hempstead Lake continues to be red hot. One angler stopped in this week with a twentythree inch pickerel and sixteen inch largemouth bass. Both fish were taken on a Mepps spoon tipped with porkrind. Southern end of the lake still producing the best scores.

The big news this week on the freshwater scene at **Causeway Bait and Tackle** of **Wantagh**, was a twentytwo pound carp taken at the Twin Lakes by Allen Roth. According to Bobby Turturello, the big fish fell for a bread ball bait. Bobby also mentioned that George Cooke picked several nice pickerel on killies at the same location. Panfish and bass have been slow.

From his post at **Edelman's Sports-Man's Center** in **Farmingdale**, Fred Laager passed on word that Peconic River bass fishing is still worth the effort. Mike Prudente gave it a try this week and connected with eight bass to 2.5 pounds. Yellow and orange florescent, double deep shad lures did the trick. Over on the Carmen's River, Danny O'Sullivan reported running into white perch near Beaver Dam Creek. Grass shrimp baits produced these fish. Fred also gave us an upstate report stating that Roy Kupchak used small brook trout streamers to nail four trout to twenty inches on the "no-kill" section of the Beaver Kill River in Delaware County.

According to Mike Andreani of **Lindenhurst Bait and Tackle**, largemouth bass fishing in Southards Pond has really picked up steam. A couple of anglers have been using small goldfish for bait here and have consistently picked fish between one to five pounds. Mike also mentioned that the tidal sections of the Connetquot River have been alive with trout. John Obedzinski broke in a new flyrod there over the weekend and used "White Zonkers" to cull five respectable fish, including a fair sized brownie, on Saturday.

At **Augie's Bait and Tackle Shop** in **Babylon**, Tom Healy reports that this has been a rather slow week with no freshwater fish weighed in at all. A few anglers, however, are picking white perch from Bergen Point, but it's still too early for this action to be very intense.

From **Pine Grove Outfitters**, Fred Kruse informs us that there are still small bass and plenty of panfish to be had in Lake Ronkonkoma. Not many people have been fishing though.

Over at **J&R Sports Center** in **Oakdale**, Dave tells us that there are a lot of trout being taken at Bubbles Falls on the Connetquot River. Although mostly small fish, there have been enough trout in the one to three pound range to make things very interesting. Brookies and rainbows making up most of the action with an occasional brownie mixed in. Dave asked me to remind everybody fishing this location that there is a ten fish limit and nine inch minimum on all tidal creeks. Please keep it in mind when the fishing gets hot. Dave also had news that white perch fishing has picked up in the lower half of the river with fish up to 1.5 pounds weighed in this week.

From Al Schrier of the **Medford Sportsman's Center**, we hear that bass and pickerel fishing on Artist and Yaphank Lakes is doing very well. No specifics but plenty of small to medium sized fish taken. Carp action on Lower Yaphank Lake is holding its own.

Out east at the **Fisherman's Deli** of **Riverhead**, George Devlin has been taking bass and panfish with consistency from the Peconic River behind the shop. Not too many anglers have been out to take advantage of this fishing however. On Thursday, Rosalind and Eunice Barham scored with fourty white perch in the tidal creeks of Water Mill. Night Crawlers were the most productive Baits.

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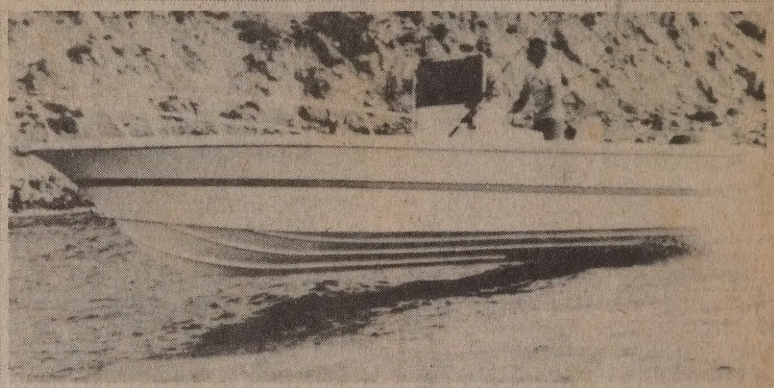

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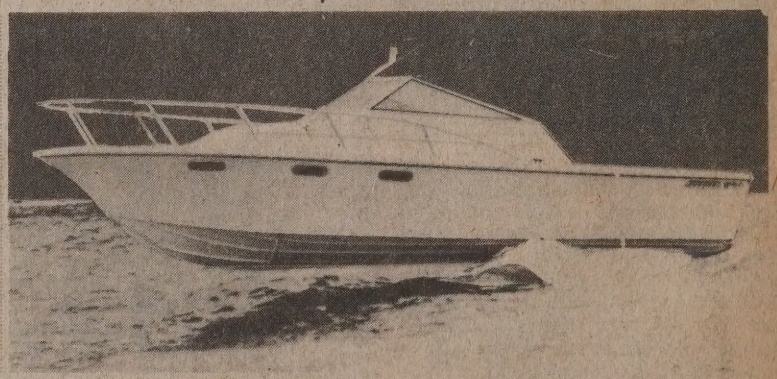

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